

VCPL Board Considers Community Affairs File Proposal for Class I

By CAROLYN TOOPS
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Mrs. Charlotte Caldwell, vice president of the Vigo County Library Board, proposed Monday night that the board pass a resolution designating the VCPL as a Class I library (it is presently Class II) with a separate seven-member appointed board.

She issued a prepared statement near the end of the regular VCPL board meeting at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, as an individual member of the board concerned with lack of progress with the present building program and with the question of the legality of the board.

The other four members attending failed to react to her suggestion. Mrs. Caldwell, presiding in the absence of president Peter A. Farmer, asked William Llewellyn to conduct the meeting while she made her suggestion. Others attending were John Valle, John Sutherland and Dr. Iverson Bell.

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Farmer and Paul Haas were absent.

Mrs. Caldwell said that a t several times during her nine years on the board the question of the legality of the school board doubling as the library board has been raised, and each time the trustees were assured they were a legitimate governing entity.

At various times since 1969 the matter of establishing a separate library board has been discussed, but no action has been taken. Latest question of the board's legal status arose in late 1972 when members learned

they would not be certified to issue bonds to finance construction of the new main library. The State Board of Accounts reportedly will approve bond issues for Class I library boards only.

"The best interests of the library are not served by our inaction, and the sooner we face the issue the better," said Mrs. Caldwell.

VCPL Director Edward N. Howard had called for a separate library board last October after the trustees decided to delay action on the architectural plans for the new library building, to be located on the site of the former Wiley High School.

Progress has been hampered by the board's failure to act on the Building Program Statement and because of the question of its ability to issue bonds.

The present library at 222 N. 7th St., has been in continuous use since 1906. Howard noted that the heating plant will have

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to be replaced if the building is used for an extended period.

If the VCPL is designated a Class I body, the seven board members would be appointed as follows, according to the Public Library Law of 1947 as amended: three members by the circuit court judge, two by the county commissioners and two by the school board.

The eligibility of VCPL to obtain revenue sharing funds from both the City of Terre Haute and from Vigo County was discussed by Howard under new business. The director noted that the library could be a "secondary recipient" of such funds, and that Indianapolis library had been granted \$350,000 and the Sullivan Library \$5,000 from local revenue-sharing funds.

After discussion, the board voted to write city and county officials, requesting a portion of revenue-sharing fund which would be set aside for the building fund.

In his regular report, Howard advised that the library had received a check for \$351 from the Vigo County Medical Society to assure continuation of the Indiana inter-library teletype operation here. It was necessary to seek outside funds, Howard explained, because of cutbacks in federal funds. After July 1 each teletype center library must pay machine rental, and no funds were available in the 1973 budget.

Howard also reported the gift of a 180-volume set of the U.S. Code Annotated by the law firm of Everett, Everett and McDonald.

The director received board approval of the purchase of a self-contained portable, sound-on-slide projection unit costing \$1,350.55 from the Gift Fund. A short demonstration of the equipment was given by Harmon Boyd, Chamber of Commerce president. Pat O'Leary recommended to the board that they approve this item, noting that its many possible uses can benefit the entire community.

The Gift Fund, established in April, 1968, has a balance of \$1,867.15. The expenditure for the new equipment can be made without appropriation, according to statute governing this particular fund.

Also in his report, Howard noted:

—Harmon Boyd, Karen Bock, Betty Dodson and Ann Newman will demonstrate audiovisual information and equipment at the Evansville-Vanderburg County Public Library's Staff Institute on May 18.

—Genevieve Reisner, Group Services Librarian, has been elected to a two-year term on the board of the Adult Education Association of Indiana.

—Brazil Public Library has returned to the teletype network.

—Max Ehrmann centennial archive collection has been bound and is now located in the

Special Collection section of the local History Room.

Betty Martin reported briefly on the workshop on Intellectual Freedom she attended in Chicago last month.

In a financial report Mrs. Martin noted the transfer of \$75,000 from the Library Improvement Reserve Fund to meet current operating expenses. She said that a tax advance from the Vigo County treasurer is expected in a week or 10 days.

Howard will attend the American Library Association conference in Las Vegas, Nev., in June, and will accept an award for the VCPL, for second place in "the best shopping bag or book bag advertising library service" category of a recent contest sponsored by the Library Public Relations Council under the auspices of the ALA.

Next regular library board meeting will be Monday, June 18 at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library.

Following the board meeting, trustees put on their other hats as school trustees to continue their public discussions with the Vigo County Teachers Association on contract proposals for the 1973-74 school year.

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The vote at Monday night's special meeting of the Vigo County Public Library Board was 4 to 3 to maintain the status quo, with the so-called "philosophical majority" of four defeating a minority resolution to create a separate Class I library board.

The meeting at the Vigo County School Corporation's new Administration Building, 961 Lafayette Ave., followed the statutory meeting of the Vigo County Board of School Trustees. Both boards comprise the same seven members elected for four-year terms.

Peter A. Farmer, William Llewellyn, Paul Haas and John Sutherland, whose terms all expire next May, voted against the resolution introduced by Dr. Iverson Bell that would have resulted in separation of the boards. Voting with Dr. Bell were Mrs. Charlotte Caldwell and John Valle.

The impetus for the separation of the boards came several months ago when bond counsel informed VCPL attorney Jordan Lewis that the present library board (a Class II) could not be approved to issue bonds for construction of a new library.

The legality of the school board's doubling as a library board has also been discussed.

Under the Public Library Law of 1947 as amended, the seven members would serve without compensation. Three would be appointed by the circuit court judge, two by the county commissioners and two by the school board. The law also requires that each appointing authority must appoint at least one woman.

Objections from Farmer, Llewellyn, Haas and Sutherland primarily concerned the politics of the appointments.

Llewellyn led off saying that though he favored a separate board, it should not be "a politically controlled board" and he preferred that the

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School Board at its meeting, Peter A. Farmer is believed to be technically still the president of the library board until new officers are elected at the regular meeting Monday, July 16.

Speaking in support of Dr. Bell's motion were Valle and Mrs. Caldwell.

Valle said he had more faith in the elected officials who would appoint the members. He also said that in his first year as a member of the board "we didn't have the VCPL as our main project this past year." He also noted that on several occasions there was no quorum for a meeting and rarely were all seven members present.

Mrs. Caldwell said that though she had greatly enjoyed being a member of the library board, she felt others would have more time and constructive ideas to contribute.

She also noted that the 1947 Act provisions provide for replacement if a board member has missed six consecutive meetings. Records indicate that John Sutherland did not attend the September through February meetings.

Farmer noted that once the action for separation was taken, there's "no turning back."

Status of the board's ability to issue bonds for the construction of the new library building apparently remains the same — uncertain. Attorney Lewis did not present a written statement on the subject to the board.

Several staff members of the VCPL were present for the meeting. Two persons addressed the board before the resolution was voted on — Susan Ward, president of Housewives Effort for Local Progress and Alice Kiewig, as an interested citizen.

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library board be elected.

Both Llewellyn and Haas said they favored expediting the building program and remarked several times that "there must be another way to build the new library under the present setup."

Sutherland echoed Llewellyn and Haas statements.

There appeared to be some question as to who was conducting the library board meeting. Though John Valle had just been elected president of the

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Plans for New Building

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Review of the Vigo County Public Library's Building Program Statement has been placed on the agenda for the Oct. 15 Board of Trustees meeting.

Exactly one year has passed since the statement was submitted to the board. During the Monday night board meeting Mrs. Charlotte Caldwell suggested that the statement be reviewed while legal problems delaying construction of the new library are being resolved. Other board members agreed and the matter was added to the agenda for October.

Library Attorney Jordan Lewis answered questions raised at the August meeting concerning the legal difficulties now being encountered. He said that the bonding attorney, David Brewer of the Indianapolis law firm Ice, Miller, Dinadio and Ryan, has declined to approve a bond issue for the library in its present legal status.

Lewis said he has contacted another bonding counsel in Chicago but has not yet received a reply.

Board member Paul Haas explained that the legal question dates back to 1960 when the School City of Terre Haute and several area township school districts combined into the single county unit of the Vigo County School Corporation.

At that time, Haas said, the school board automatically began to act also as a library board for the entire county.

Lewis explained that Brewer, as bonding counsel, would be answerable to purchasers of the bonds if the legality of the library board was successfully challenged in court.

A possible solution to the problem would be a special act of the Indiana General Assembly setting up a Class I library in Vigo County and outlining procedures for election of a board.

A motion to set up a Class I board with the trustees appointed by various elected officials was rejected by the board last July. At that time a chief argument against such a policy was that the board members should be elected and not ap-

pointed.

Moreover, Brewer has said he still would not approve a bond issue since there could still be question as to the board's legal right to take that step.

By the end of 1973 there will be \$400,000 in the library Improvement Reserve Fund, and \$90,000 is expected to be added in 1974. There has been no firm estimate on projected costs of building the new library on the former Wiley School site.

Complicating the demolition of the former school administration building is the fact that General Telephone has been unable to remove telephone equipment because of the strike by the Communications Workers of America. The Dennis Trucking Company, which has the contract to demolish the building, is ready to begin the job pending transfer of the telephone equipment.

General Telephone spokesmen say, however, that they have 3,000 job orders piled up and that the equipment cannot be removed until after the strike is over.

In a regular report, Library Director Edward N. Howard gave a summary of a project evaluation of the library's mediamobile that is required and funded by a federal grant.

Howard said the report is "highly encouraging," and, he said, it concludes:

"In summary, the results of the questionnaire (completed by representatives of groups using the mediamobile) indicate that the mediamobile project is performing services for groups in the community which they could not obtain elsewhere, and it is performing these services to the satisfaction of the groups involved."

It was noted also in the report the keys to the mediamobile were stolen from the ignition while the vehicle was being loaded for its morning run Sept. 10. Howard said the locks were changed immediately on the entrance door but not on the interior cabinet.

The thief returned two days later while the mediamobile was being loaded and stole two

small items of audiovisual equipment valued at \$37.45, Howard said. He said the thief was observed leaving the unit and was chased, but not caught, although he may yet be identified.

In the future, Howard said, "although it will be very inconvenient, the mediamobile will be locked even during the loading-unloading process unless there is a second person around to stand guard."

Also in his report, Howard commended the library's student assistants who prepare a weekly column, "Media Mix," that appears in the Terre Haute Tribune-Star. He said writers of the column to date have included Al Peters, Debbie Wood, Joyce Kane, Mary Fowler, Margaret Herbst and Amy Wailly.

Howard told the trustees also the library system's innovative orbital administration organization will be the focus of visits by two nationally prominent librarians in the near future. Dr. Ciavin Boyer, a professor at Indiana University Graduate Library School will visit the local library Sept. 25.

In early October, Herbert Goldhor, director of the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science, will be in Terre Haute to observe a regular staff meeting. Accompanying Goldhor will be Dr. Robert E. Brown, assistant director, and Mrs. Kathleen Darper, Illinois library science librarian.

Trustees present for the meeting, in addition to Mrs. Caldwell and Haas, were John Valle, Peter A. Farmer and William Llewellyn. Dr. Iverson Bell and John Sutherland were absent.

Vigo Library Consultant Reviews Building Plans

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The consultant for the Vigo County Public Library's building program reviewed several specific details of size and space allocation for the proposed new library at Monday evening's VCPL Board of Trustees meeting.

The consultant expressed some doubts about the size of the proposed new building if the population in the Vigo County area increased significantly within the next 20 years.

He also compared the space allocations for the new building to the ideal space allocation for facilities of similar size.

In other business, the obstacles that have held up the library's building program for more than a year were discussed and the trustees refused to act on recommendations from Library Director Edward N. Howard that proposed both the retaining of a bonding counsel and an attorney to begin schematic drawings for the new building.

Ralph Van Handel, director of the Gary Public Library,

as a building consultant to review the Building Program Statement prepared by a Chicago architect and to make further recommendations, reported on his findings.

He said that the program statement presents a "well-detailed" study that reflects "much thought and effort" on the part of many people. However, he stressed that the document is based on present population figures.

"Frankly, I am fearful of assuming that the population of Vigo County will remain stable for 20 years," Van Handel said.

He explained that a library is usually designed to serve a community for 20 years without the need of additional space.

Van Handel recommended research be made on projected population trends before the size of the building is finally determined.

The new library, which will replace the present main library building built in 1906, is to be constructed at the site of the

former Wiley High School at 7th and Walnut streets.

Using a common formula to determine the size building that would best serve Vigo County, Van Handel said the new building should be approximately 57,800 square feet.

The Building Program Statement proposes a building of 54,735 square feet.

Recommendations for allocation of space did not correspond closely with the proposals of the Building Program Statement, however.

The greatest discrepancies were in the area of young people's service and in the area of non-assignable space (such as walls, stairwells, elevator shafts and rest rooms).

Recommendations for space for young people's facilities was 22 per cent, whereas the proposed statement allowed only 6.9 per cent. Non-assignable space recommended was 10 per cent, as opposed to 24.1 per cent in the proposed plan.

Van Handel said that the figure

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res are arbitrary and may be mitigated by circumstances. He said for example that the Gary Public Library has only 8 per cent of its space appropriated to young people's services because the building is located in the downtown area and is not used heavily by young people.

Other comparisons in space allocations between the amount recommended and the amount in the proposal were:

Lobby activities—10 per cent as opposed to 5.6 per cent.

Adult activities—32 per cent as opposed to 32.9 per cent.

General stacks—14 per cent as opposed to 7.6 per cent.

Offices and work rooms—12 per cent as opposed to 22.0 per cent.

Van Handel said that study should be made of these great differences for they may be justified by local conditions or special services that have been developed.

A discussion of legal problems that have stalled the building program since September 1972 was also conducted.

Library Attorney Jordan Lewis has told the board that the only recognized bonding authority in Indiana, the law firm of Ice, Miller, Dinadio and Ryan, of Indianapolis, has indicated it would not approve a general obligation bond issue to finance a Vigo County Public Library building.

Lewis said he was told there are several legal questions, including, but not limited to the legality of the VCPL Board of Trustees.

Trustees agreed to authorize Lewis to contact either the Indianapolis attorney or an attorney in Chicago (who also is authorized to approve bonds in Indiana to determine exactly what must be done to resolve present problems.

Howard's proposal to retain bonding counsel immediately was rejected by the board because they said they needed some idea of what the fee would be and what would be involved.

A second recommendation by Howard to retain Robert Miller to begin schematic drawings of the new building, was also refused at present since the trustees said there was no urgency in the matter as long as the legal questions remain unresolved.

In other business, the trustees approved procedures for naming a citizens advisory committee for the main library building. Each of the seven board members will name an individual and the library administration will name three members.

The advisory body will serve to interpret community attitudes concerning the building pro-

gram.

The trustees also authorized the library to investigate the possibility of subscribing to sidewalk-cleaning services to be provided by the Downtown Business Association.

In Howard's regular report to the board he discussed several items including the library staff's average contribution of \$28.09 each to the current United Way Campaign. Board secretary William J. Llewellyn represented trustees at the public acknowledgement ceremony on completion of the drive.

Howard also stated that Terre Haute Police Capt. William Herndon presented the police department's community education program at the last staff meeting.

The director told trustees that because of an increase in the library's assessed valuation, the 37-cent tax levy approved in August has been reduced to 36 cents. The reduction will have no effect on the 1974 operating budget.

A library patron, Dr. Ross Brown, director of Animal Science Research at Commercial Solvents Corp., presented a second cash gift to the Southland Branch Library. Howard announced.

Trustees present for the meeting included Dr. Iverson Bell, Mrs. Charlotte Caldwell, Peter Farmer, William Llewellyn and John Valle.

Absent were Paul Haas and John Sutherland.

The next meeting of the board will be at 8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 17, at Southland Branch.

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Library Expert Reviews Plans

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The time between when the architectural drawings are completed and the time that construction bids are let could be as short as six months or as long as years, depending on how fast the plans can get through the proper channels," he continued.

The legal problems that Van Handel refers to concern the difficulty that the board has encountered in getting a recognized bonding attorney to approve a general obligation bond issue to finance the building.

"But the community should not be discouraged," he added. "It will be well worth the wait."

Van Handel predicted the library usage will double when the new building is opened.

"Part of the increase in facility usage will probably be due to simple curiosity. But more important will be the increased accessibility of materials and the modern surroundings," he commented.

Concerning the Building Program itself, Van Handel said that the proposal is a "thorough" study that reflects much thought and effort on the part of many people.

Certain items in the statement do, however, concern Van

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"The Vigo County Public Library Board should not be discouraged because of the hold up in their plans for a new library building," commented Ralph Van Handel, special library consultant.

"The laws concerning board membership and duties are on the books and it is all a matter of researching them," he continued.

Van Handel, director of the Gary Public Library, was obtained by the VCPL board of trustees as a consultant to review their Building Program Statement that was prepared in September, 1972.

The library expert analyzed the 85-page document and recently presented his findings to board members.

In an interview with The TRIBUNE, Van Handel discussed both the library board's current legal problems and the building proposal.

"Once these legal difficulties are cleared up, I'm sure that an architect could easily prepare schematic drawings for a building on the basis of the printed proposal," Van Handel observed.

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Handel. As previously reported, he believes that the proposal should take into account a growing population for the county.

"The plan is based on the present population of the library's service area and assumes that the population will not change to any great extent in the foreseeable future," he observes.

"Library buildings are usually planned to serve their communities for 20 years without the need for additional space. Frankly, I am fearful assuming that the population in this area will remain stable for the next 20 years," Van Handel continues.

The consultant presents information showing that the county population increased 5.6 per cent from 1960 to 1970.

"If the population continues at a 5 per cent increase rate," Van Handel reports, "the current population of about 115,000 will grow to about 129,000 by 1994."

Concerning an ideal size for the new public library, Van Handel relies upon a formula proven to be applicable to libraries serving areas in the 100,000 to 200,000 population range.

The formula calls for two volumes for each person in the area (this would mean 230,000 volumes for Vigo County), two seats per 1,000 population (or 230 seats) and eight circulations for each person (or 920,000 circulation).

Utilizing another formula, Van Handel converts the requirements just listed into square foot space requirements. The result is that the ideal building for this area would need a minimum of 57,800 square feet.

The Building Program Statement calls for 54,735 square feet, which Van Handel terms as "close enough" to that recommendation.

The allocation of space within the building is another prime matter of concern. The breakdown by area in square feet and

percentages for an ideal building is lobby activities (5,520 sq. ft.)—10 per cent of total space, adult activities (17,665)—32 per cent, young people's activities (12,144)—22 per cent, general stacks (7,728)—14 per cent, offices and work rooms (6,624)—12 per cent, and non-assignable, such as walls, elevator shafts.

The breakdown of space allocation in square feet and percentages as outlined in the Building Program Statement is lobby activities (2,905 sq. ft.)—5.6 per cent, adult activities (17,145)—32.9 per cent, young people's activities (3,620)—6.9 per cent, general stacks (3,940) 7.6 per cent, offices and work rooms (11,925)—22.9 per cent, and non-assignable (12,600)—24.1 per cent.

Van Handel's report states, "Study should be made of these great differences for they may be justified by local conditions and/or special services that have been developed in the Vigo County Public Library.

The consultant particularly draws attention to four specific areas:

—What he terms the "relatively small" area allocated to young people's activities and the small staff for this service.

—The large area assignment for offices and work rooms.

—The "apparently excessive" dedication to mechanical and related functions.

—The lack of adequate storage facilities to house library materials such as books and records. (Van Handel comments that a breakdown of shelving listed in the public services space requirements would provide for 177,120 volumes, well below the number in the present library's collection).

In other areas, Van Handel mentioned the need for two separate parking lots (one for staff and one for patrons) and the need for 200 parking

spaces.

The consultant also outlined a recommended procedure for planning a library building.

The procedure begins with an architect's preliminary drawings for the building; estimates of costs for construction and recommended land area for the site.

The library board must then secure options to purchase the land and determine the complete project cost for the bond issue.

Property owners then should circulate petitions for the bond issue, which will be given to the library board. The board must pass the bond resolution, publish legal notices, conduct public hearings, and then submit the bond issue to the local tax control board for approval.

After the state tax commission has conducted a public hearing on the bond issue, the library board may advertise and let bids on the bond. Bonds are then printed and signed.

Architects are then authorized to complete plans and specifications. After these have been approved by the board, the building plans must be approved by 10 different city, county and state departments.

The final plans are then published and construction bids are advertised and let.

Besides working with the Gary Public Library, Van Handel is also president of the Indiana Library Certification Board and a member of the Governor's commission to supervise a \$4.5 million expansion of the State Library. He is past-president of the Indiana Library Association.

VCPL Community Affairs File
Release Data of Survey
On Use of Public Library

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High praise for the reference staff of the Vigo County Public Library and some concern about parking problems at the main downtown facility were two main items mentioned in a recent survey of "community opinion leaders."

The survey also showed those questioned have a high use of the library through a wide variety of modes.

Library Director Edward N. Howard, told the TRIBUNE that the survey, which has just been released, was prepared by Dr. Lawrence Reck, associate professor of education at Indiana State University.

One hundred "community opinion leaders" who were judged to be "those persons holding such leadership positions as to enable them to in-

fluence others by their verbal statements and overt actions" were surveyed.

The 100 persons consisted of government officials (both appointed and elected), news media persons, non-profit agency executives, civic and service club officers, business and industry executives, and educators.

Of those surveyed, two-thirds worked in the downtown Terre Haute area and four out of five were men.

In discussing the survey, Howard stated, "I am very pleased that nearly one-half (48 per cent) of the busiest people in this community took the time to complete and return our survey."

Howard also pointed out that the questionnaire revealed that most opinion leaders are using reference services and that their modes of usage are varied.

When asked how often the VCPL reference services were used, 12 per cent responded frequently (weekly), 44 per cent answered occasionally (monthly), 36 per cent stated rarely, and 8 per cent said never.

The modes of usage included three main methods—self service, with VCPL staff assistance, and by telephone. VCPL information releases and publications were also mentioned by several persons as quite important.

Among those persons who responded to a question asking about the greatest hindrances to their use of the library, 38 per cent said that there were no hindrances, 31 per cent listed a parking problem, 23 per cent stated finding the need for service, and 8 per cent listed the library's location.

The survey showed that few (17 per cent) people use the Indiana Information Retrieval System and that even fewer (4 per cent) have used the teletype (TWX) services.

When asked specifically about whether the present location of the VCPL was a positive or negative factor in the use of the reference services, 29 per cent answered positive, 17 per

cent said negative and 54 per cent felt that location had no effect.

In the conclusions, Reck states:

"With the aid of 48 questionnaire returns, a careful scrutiny was made of the VCPL reference services. The writer tabulated the survey responses to assess how the service is being

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utilized by the Vigo County opinion leaders.

"As indicated by the questionnaire, the most positive responses were for the reference librarians. The collection also elicited many positive responses. Sufficient reference tools are available, current, and accessible.

"The responses brought out the greatest detriments of the services to be parking and physical factors. Few persons responded negatively to the collection, staff, and the services; therefore, it is justifiable to conclude that although the reference services of the VCPL are outstanding, improved parking and facilities would tend to make the services more efficient and effective."

E. Howard, VCPL Libraries (T.H.) - VCPL Honored By NCLIS

Community Affairs File
By JOE BOLAND
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The nationwide reputation of the Vigo County Public Library as a leader in innovative public information services apparently is not losing ground.

Library Director Edward N. Howard was among 50 educators, administrators and library professionals selected for recent interviews in a project sponsored by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

The project, being conducted at the Graduate Department of Library Science of the Catholic University of America, seeks to develop recommendations for a nationwide blueprint for continuing education that will embrace the continuing education of personnel in library and information science, insure quality content of the educational experience and involve all levels of institutions.

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Howard said the interview was conducted by phone from Boulder, Colo., and lasted an hour and 15 minutes. He said the interview dealt with his opinions on the urgency of continuing education, top priorities that should be considered, relationship of groups now engaged in continuing education and a

blueprint for continuing education.

He said queries on the overall national plan included its functions, structure, integration of groups, now playing an active part in continuing education, decision-making and funding.

The interviews will be considered along with responses to 250 questionnaires and a series of small-group "idea-sessions"

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in making recommendations to the National Commission. The commission is a permanent and independent agency within the executive branch established by Congress and signed into law by President Richard M. Nixon in July 1970.

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The project is part of a wideranging national program announced in October as the commission's focal point for the coming year. The program will center on the development and interconnection of U.S. library and information resources, on the role of national resource collections and services and on the implications of developing technology and administrative structures.

According to Commission Chairman Frederick Burkhardt, the program requires recognition that the library and information needs of the country are of more than local concern and that the federal government in partnership with local and state agencies must support certain appropriate and necessary parts of the program.

Dr. Burkhardt said new directions for libraries and information services are required at the federal level, and when the program is completed it should provide a new impetus for improved library and information service in the U.S.

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Howard, a native of Carlisle, embarked on his second career — as a librarian — in 1957 after his retirement from the U.S. Navy as a warrant officer. He had completed 20 years Naval service, during which he was a prisoner of war in the closing years of World War II. After his ship, the USS Penguin, was sunk off the coast of Guam, Howard remained in various Japanese prisons until September 1945.

Following his retirement, Howard returned to Indiana University where he was graduated with highest distinction and election to Phi Beta Kappa honorary scholastic society. He also received his master of arts degree at IU.

Prior to coming to the local library in 1968, Howard was assistant director of the Bureau of Public Discussion at IU and previously had served as head of extension services and assistant director of Monroe County Public Library.

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Libraries (TA) VCP Library Bonding Report

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Delays Building Plans

By WAYNE PERRY
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Progress on the building plans for a new main library is still at a standstill as members of the Vigo County Library Board continue to await news concerning a bonding authority.

Four members of the board were told at their regular meeting Monday night that a law firm in Chicago authorized to approve bonds in Indiana had been contacted, but that no response has yet been received.

The board also appointed a citizen's advisory panel for the new library and heard an extensive report from Library Director Edward N. Howard.

Library Attorney Jordan Lewis said he expects to be advised within a week as to whether the Chicago firm will authorize a bond issue for construction.

of the new facility at the former Wiley High School site.

Another bonding counsel at Indianapolis has informed Lewis his firm would not approve a bond issue for the delivery because of possible legal questions concerning the board's establishment and its status in relation to Indiana statutes governing public libraries.

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full-time library employee is credited with one sick day for each month worked up to 120 days. Upon retirement, employees are paid for their unused sick days on a graduated scale in ratio to their total years of service.

As part of his regular report to the board, Howard noted several points, including:

—A report by Dr. Thomas L. Pahl and his wife, E. Patricia Pahl, concerning the evaluation of the Mediambulance service was released. Commenting on the overall survey, the evaluation team said, "We would state that the Mediambulance Project has attained some of its objectives and appears to be on the right path to reaching the others."

—Comments on the condition of the Mediambulance vehicle were also made by Howard. The unit is 16 years old and

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has broken down three times since August. Howard observed, "While the Mediamobile crew is wholly reliable in maintaining the pre-set schedule, the vehicle itself is becoming increasingly unreliable due to its age."

—Costs of government publications have risen as much as 200 to 1000 per cent. Howard states. "Obviously, VCPL will have to forego some federal government information during the coming year; hopefully, the materials budget can be increased in the 1975 year to compensate for this and other rising informational costs."

—The results of a questionnaire concerning VCPL main library reference service have been released. The TRIBUNE reported on these results earlier.

—There may be some good news for area property-tax payers if the Indiana General Assembly acts favorably on two bills supported by Indiana library association, Howard said. The bills would provide for per capita funding of public library districts and for grants to area library service authorities.

—The main library and all branches are now in compliance with fire regulations. Howard commended Jack Hoffman, assistant superintendent of buildings and grounds of the Vigo County School Corporation, for providing information and assistance on low-budget fire doors for the main library building. The facilities were re-inspected on Dec. 12.

—Mrs. Carol Sutherland, children's librarian, has received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Laboratory School for her work with the youngsters in the community.

The VCLB will continue with its policy of meeting at branches of the library system by conducting the Monday, Jan. 14, session at the Plaza North Branch.

John Valle, William Llewellyn, John Sutherland, and Dr. Iverson Bell were present for the meeting.

Mrs. Charlotte Caldwell, Paul Haas, and Peter Farmer were absent.

VCPL Mediamobile

Services Evaluated

By JOE BOLAND
Star Staff Writer

An encouraging report of a survey conducted by two local political scientists on the Vigo County Public Library's Mediamobile Project was presented to the library's Board of Trustees Monday night.

The survey was conducted during the last several weeks by Dr. Thomas L. Pahl, acting director of Indiana State University's Center for Governmental Services, who was project evaluation coordinator, and his wife, E. Patricia Pahl, a doctoral student at the University of Minnesota.

Under a two-year grant from the 1970 U.S. Library Services and Construction Amendments, the library is providing information services to selected clientele through media including films, records, video tape, viewmasters and tape recorders which are housed in a renovated bookmobile.

Recipients of the mediamobile services are low-income citizens in the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) Community Center areas of Terre Haute and low-income or geographically isolated residents in outlying communities in the county.

The mediamobile evaluation project was commissioned by the library board to fulfill requirements for the Federal grant. The evaluation team examined the Mediamobile project in terms of attainment of objectives outlined in the project proposal.

The objectives included demonstration of the potential of the new forms of information and equipment; furtherance of the library's cooperation with agencies working with the disadvantaged, to provide media resources not available when the project was begun, and to demonstrate that the disadvantaged respond to the "new media."

Other aims of the project are to determine maintenance and replacement cost for new media in public use, enable the disadvantaged to upgrade them-

selves through such a library program and to strengthen the library's existing program of service to disadvantaged groups.

Areas served by the mediamobile include community centers areas in Terre Haute and the communities of Prairie Creek, Youngstown, Lewis, Riley, Burnett, New Goshen and St. Mary-of-the-Woods Village.

To measure the impact of the project, a questionnaire was prepared and distributed to 20 users of the service in various agencies, including H. Ralph Johnston Youth Community, Vigo County Area Cooperative Extension Service, Volunteer Tutor Program, Office of Economic Opportunity, Citizens for a Better Community, Centenary United Methodist Church Nursery School, Vigo County School Corp., Youth Service Bureau, Turner Girls Club, Hyle Community Center, Indiana State University School of Nursing and Neighborhood Youth Corps.

Commenting on the overall survey, the evaluation team said, "We would state that the Mediamobile Project has attained its objectives and appears to be on the right path to reaching the others."

"It is viewed as a welcome community service by agencies for the disadvantaged; it provides services for the disadvantaged which they cannot obtain elsewhere; the response of the disadvantaged to Mediamobile services and staff has been strongly positive, and the thrust of Mediamobile services for the disadvantaged has been opportunity-oriented."

Since the project was begun in 1972, the Mediamobile staff has recently expanded its route to reach additional localities in the county. The mobile van now makes stops at Dresser and the Highland neighborhood on Terre Haute's north side on an experimental basis.

The report states, however, that it appears "doubtful the mediamobile will obtain instant success with these two additional areas, but it should be noted that, in charting the offering of services to agencies

... we have found a consistent pattern of positive response."

"The Mediamobile may succeed although other social service agencies apparently have failed in their attempts to reach these areas," the report states.

In his regular report to the board during Monday's meeting, Library Director Edward N. Howard said the January-June 1974 Mediamobile schedule is a continuation of the fall schedule, except for the Dresser stop which has been changed from Wednesday to Tuesday.

"While the Mediamobile crew is wholly reliable in maintaining the pre-set schedule," Howard said, "the vehicle itself is becoming increasingly unreliable because of its age."

"Consistent preventive maintenance has stretched its life beyond that of most units in similar service and its 16th birthday will be celebrated next year," Howard said. Recent events that suggest the imminent demise of the van, Howard said, include the collapse of the rear entrance step which required fabrication of a new one since no parts are available and transmission and clutch breakdowns, both of which necessitated the Mediamobile's removal from service for repairs.

Name Citizen's Advisory Panel For New Vigo Library

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By JOE BOLAND
Star Staff Writer

A blue-ribbon panel representing a cross-section of area residents was appointed to a Citizen's Advisory Committee for the proposed new Vigo County Public Library main building at a meeting of the library's Board of Trustees Monday night.

Each board member ap-

pointed a member to the committee and the administrative staff selected three members.

The new advisory body includes Thomas J. Finnerty, president of Terre Haute Savings Bank; Arch Dunbar, president, Wabash Federal Savings and Loan Association and a former library trustee; Ned A. Bush Sr., executive director of the Eugene V. Debs Foundation; Patrick O'Leary, president, Terre Haute Area Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Richard Pierard, professor of history at Indiana State University; Marilyn Pendergast, Linda Kotter, George E. Dunkin, Alice Kieweg and Donna Keith.

The group will serve as an ad hoc liaison body between the library board and administration and county residents.

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Progress on the building plans at present are in a holding pattern pending tentative approval of bonding authority for the board. Library Attorney Jordan Lewis reported at the meeting he has been in contact with a law firm at Chicago which is authorized to approve bonds in Indiana.

Lewis said he expects to be advised within a week as to whether the firm will authorize a bond issue for construction of the new facility at the former Wiley High School site.

Another bonding counsel at Indianapolis has informed Lewis his firm would not approve a bond issue for the library because of possible legal questions concerning the board's establishment and its

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status in relation to Indiana statutes governing public libraries.

In other business, the board took under advisement a revision to the library's employee sick leave policy recommended by Library Director Edward N. Howard.

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Howard said the present policy sets a 120-day limitation on the number of days of sick leave that can be accumulated. He said four present staff members will lose days that otherwise would be credited to their account Jan. 1, 1974.

Under the present policy, each full-time library employee is credited with one sick day for each month worked up to 120 days. Upon retirement, employees are paid for their unused sick days on a graduated scale in ratio to their total years of service.

In his regular report to the Board, Howard noted a drastic increase in the cost of publications of the U.S. Printing Office. He said prices for government publications are up an average of 75 per cent, but in some cases, the rise is an "astronomical" 200 to 1,000 per cent.

"Obviously, VCPL will have to forego some Federal government information during the coming year," Howard said. He said it is hoped the materials budget can be increased in 1975 to compensate for the rising cost of many information publications.

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Mrs. Carol Sutherland, children's librarian, has received a certificate of appreciation from ISU Laboratory School awarded for her "interest and cooperation in the education of boys and girls." Howard said he is pleased when staff members receive expressions of appreciation.

Howard commented also on a recent survey of reference use conducted by Dr. Lawrence A. Reck, associate professor of education at ISU. Howard said Dr. Reck has "performed an invaluable service for the library as part of his own continuing education program by conducting a questionnaire survey of the use of the library's reference services.

"The finds of the survey and conclusions are informative and encouraging," Howard said. He added that Dr. Reck selected "100 of the busiest people in the country" to complete the questionnaire and that more than half took the time to reply.

There may be good news for area property-tax payers if the Indiana General Assembly acts favorably on two bills supported by the Indiana Library and Indiana Library Trustees associations, Howard said.

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The bills have been accepted and are now in the House of Representatives Education Committee. One provides for per capita funding of public library districts; the other provides grants to area library service authorities.

Howard told the trustees also that the main library and all branches are now in compliance with fire regulations. He commended Jack Hoffman, assistant superintendent of buildings and grounds of the Vigo County School Corp., for providing information and assistance on low-budget fire doors for the main library buildings. In line with a new board practice, the next two board meetings will be conducted at branch libraries, rather than

the meeting room of Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library. The next meeting will be at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, 1974, at Plaza North Branch. The following meeting will be Feb. 18 at West Terre Haute Branch. The last two board meetings have been conducted at Southland Branch.

Present for the meeting were John Valle, William Llewellyn, John Sutherland and Dr. Iverson Bell.

Mrs. Charlotte Caldwell, Paul Haas and Peter A. Farmer were absent.

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VCPL Board Considers Proposal for Class I

By CAROLYN TOOPS
Tribune Staff Writer

Mrs. Charlotte Caldwell, vice president of the Vigo County Library Board, proposed Monday night that the board pass a resolution designating the VCPL as a Class I library (it is presently Class II) with a separate seven-member appointed board.

She issued a prepared statement near the end of the regular VCPL board meeting at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, as an individual member of the board concerned with lack of progress with the present building program and with the question of the legality of the board.

The other four members attending failed to react to her suggestion. Mrs. Caldwell, presiding in the absence of president Peter A. Farmer, asked William Llewellyn to conduct the meeting while she made her suggestion. Others attending were John Valle, John Sutherland and Dr. Iverson Bell.

Farmer and Paul Haas were absent.

Mrs. Caldwell said that several times during her nine years on the board the question of the legality of the school board doubling as the library board has been raised, and each time the trustees were assured they were a legitimate governing entity.

At various times since 1969 the matter of establishing a separate library board has been discussed, but no action has been taken. Latest question of the board's legal status arose in late 1972 when members learned

they would not be certified to issue bonds to finance construction of the new main library. The State Board of Accounts reportedly will approve bond issues for Class I library boards only.

"The best interests of the library are not served by our inaction, and the sooner we face the issue the better," said Mrs. Caldwell.

VCPL Director Edward N. Howard had called for a separate library board last October after the trustees decided to delay action on the architectural plans for the new library building, to be located on the site of the former Wiley High School.

Progress has been hampered by the board's failure to act on the Building Program Statement and because of the question of its ability to issue bonds.

The present library at 222 N. 7th St., has been in continuous use since 1906. Howard noted that the heating plant will have

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to be replaced if the building is used for an extended period.

If the VCPL is designated a Class I body, the seven board members would be appointed as follows, according to the Public Library Law of 1947 as amended: three members by the circuit court judge, two by the county commissioners and two by the school board.

The eligibility of VCPL to obtain revenue sharing funds from both the City of Terre Haute and from Vigo County was discussed by Howard under new business. The director noted that the library could be a "secondary recipient" of such funds, and that Indianapolis library had been granted \$350,000 and the Sullivan Library \$5,000 from local revenue-sharing funds.

After discussion, the board voted to write city and county officials, requesting a portion of revenue-sharing fund which would be set aside for the building fund.

In his regular report, Howard advised that the library had received a check for \$351 from the Vigo County Medical Society to assure continuation of the Indiana inter-library teletype operation here. It was necessary to seek outside funds, Howard explained, because of cutbacks in federal funds. After July 1 each teletype center library must pay machine rental, and no funds were available in the 1973 budget.

Howard also reported the gift of a 180-volume set of the U.S. Code Annotated by the law firm of Everett, Everett and McDonald.

The director received board approval of the purchase of a self-contained portable, sound-on-slide projection unit costing \$1,350.55 from the Gift Fund. A short demonstration of the equipment was given by Harmon Boyd. Chamber of Commerce president Pat O'Leary recommended to the board that they approve this item, noting that its many possible uses can benefit the entire community.

The Gift Fund, established in April, 1968, has a balance of \$1,867.15. The expenditure for the new equipment can be made without appropriation, according to statute governing this particular fund.

Also in his report, Howard noted:

—Harmon Boyd, Karen Bock, Betty Dodson and Ann Newman will demonstrate audiovisual information and equipment at the Evansville-Vanderburg County Public Library's Staff Institute on May 18.

—Genevieve Reisner, Group Services Librarian, has been elected to a two-year term on the board of the Adult Education Association of Indiana.

—Brazil Public Library has returned to the teletype network.

—Max Ehrmann centennial archive collection has been bound and is now located in the Special Collection section of the local History Room.

Betty Martin reported briefly on the workshop on Intellectual Freedom she attended in Chicago last month.

In a financial report Mrs. Martin noted the transfer of \$75,000 from the Library Improvement Reserve Fund to meet current operating expenses. She said that a tax advance from the Vigo County treasurer is expected in a week or 10 days.

Howard will attend the American Library Association conference in Las Vegas, Nev., in June, and will accept an award for the VCPL, for second place in "the best shopping bag or book bag advertising library service" category of a recent contest sponsored by the Library Public Relations Council under the auspices of the ALA.

Next regular library board meeting will be Monday, June 18 at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library.

Following the board meeting, trustees put on their other hats as school trustees to continue their public discussions with the Vigo County Teachers Association on contract proposals for the 1973-74 school year.

Separate Board Proposed For Vigo County Library

By JOE BOLAND
Star Staff Writer

Formation of an independent library board of trustees that would be a self-sufficient entity separate from the Vigo County School Corp. board of trustees was proposed at the regular meeting of the board Monday

night at Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library.

Board Vice President Charlotte Caldwell read a prepared statement at the close of the meeting in which she said that as an individual board member she was concerned about the lack of progress with the present building program. She said that several times during her nine years on the board the question of the very legality of the school board doubling as the library board has risen to the surface and each time the trustees were assured they were indeed a legitimate governing entity.

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She alluded to the most recent question of the board's legal status that arose in late 1972 when members learned they would not be certified to issue bonds to finance construction of the new main library. According to reports, the state board of accounts will approve bond issues for Class I library boards only. The present VCPL board is a Class II body.

Mrs. Caldwell called for a resolution to designate VCPL a Class I library and the appointment of a new board. "The best interests of the library are not served by our inaction," she said.

There was no reaction from other board members present for the meeting — Board Secretary William Llewellyn, Dr. Iverson Bell, John Sutherland

and John Valle. Board President Peter A. Farmer and Deputy Secretary Paul Haas, both farmers, were unable to attend the meeting because of pressing business conditions.

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In the event the board would pass a resolution to establish a separate library board, a seven member body would be appointed. Under Indiana statutes, three members would be appointed by the circuit court

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judge, two by the county board of commissioners and two by the school board.

VCPL Director Edward N. Howard called for a separate library board last October after the trustees decided to delay any action on the architectural plans for the new library building. At the time, they said the Building Program Statement, which was prepared over several months of analysis and scrutiny of library needs, required further study.

After six months, there has been no indication the board is ready to proceed with building plans and the serious legal question of their ability to issue bonds has further hampered progress.

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Howard has said, the present main library building, Emeline Fairbanks Memorial at 222 N. 7th St., has become inadequate for the system's growing needs and he has recommended the children's library be housed in a separate facility until the new building is completed. It is also expected the heating plant in the building will have to be replaced if the facility is to be used for any extended length of time.

Fairbanks Library has been in continuous use since 1906. Proposed site of the new building is the former Wiley High School campus at Seventh and Walnut Streets.

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Under new business before the board Howard told trustees present he has received a letter from Indiana State Library advising that the local library is eligible to request funds from Vigo County and the City of Terre Haute under the Federal revenue-sharing program.

According to the letter received by the State Library in response to an inquiry to the U.S. Office of Revenue Sharing, libraries that qualify for priority categories under the 1972 Local Fiscal Assistance Act may receive funds from the counties and municipalities which they serve, if the recipient governments wish to allocate from their revenue-sharing funds for such a purpose.

Dr. Bell moved that Howard be instructed to send a letter to both city and county officials to request a portion of revenue-sharing funds. Dr. Bell said it should be mentioned in the letters the VCPL plans to channel the funds into the Library Improvement Reserve Fund to be applied to construction costs of the new library.

After some discussion, it was decided by the trustees any money forthcoming from local governments should be put aside for the building fund.

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In his regular report, Howard advised VCPL has received a check for \$351 from the Vigo County Medical Society to assure continuation of the Indiana inter-library teletype network operation here. At the suggestion of a board member, the Medical Society was asked for assistance since more than half the outgoing messages on the network are from doctors and other medical personnel seeking instantaneous information from Indiana University Medical Center at Indianapolis.

Outside funds were necessary for the continuation of the teletype after recent Federal cutbacks in library financial aid included the teletype system. The State Library has funds allocated through June 30 after which time each teletype center library must pay machine rental. VCPL has no funds available in the 1973 budget.

Howard said also VCPL placed second in a contest conducted by the Library Public Relations Council under auspices of the American Library Association. He said the library was cited for its entry in Category 2 of the contest, "the best shopping bag or book bag advertising library service." The award will be presented at the ALA Conference June 27 at Las Vegas, Nev.

Howard plans to attend the conference which will run from June 21 to 28.

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Also in his report, Howard said VCPL has been asked to demonstrate the use of audio-visual information and equipment for the staff of the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Public Library at a staff institute Friday. Harmon Boyd, VCPL coordinator of extended services, is making preparations for the demonstration. He will be accompanied to Evansville by Karen Bock, Betty Dodson and Ann Newman.

Genevieve Reisner, VCPL group services librarian, has been elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the Adult Education Association of Indiana.

Howard said examples of recent items "which document the increasing use of Genevieve's talents and the value of being placed on this service by group and organization leaders" include a note of thanks in Toke, newsletter of the Drug Crisis Center of Terre Haute, for her assistance in "digging out" information on a currently popular drug, and in the newsletter of Covered Bridge Girl Scout Council which comments on services given the organization by Mrs. Reisner.

Howard also recommended

the board approve expenditures of \$1,350.55 for the purchase of a self-contained, portable, sound-on-slide projection unit from the library's gift fund. He noted the fund was established in April 1968 and so far no funds have been expended from the present balance of \$1,867.15.

The next regular library board meeting will be at 8 p.m. Monday, June 18, at Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library.

Following the board meeting, trustees adjourned to the VCSC Administration Building where they met as school trustees in executive session with the negotiating team of the Vigo County Teachers Association. The board and VCTA are considering revisions to the VCSC Certificated Personnel Policy Handbook.

INDIANA STATE LIBRARY

Statistics of Indiana Libraries 1970



For Public Libraries: Year ending December 31, 1970

Public Libraries in Indiana are now grouped in two classes established in the Acts of 1947, Chapter 321, Section 4.

Class I libraries are those organized under the Act or converting to it by board resolution. There were two hundred twenty-four (224) public libraries in this class as of December 31, 1970, of which seventy-six (76) are town-township units.

Class II libraries are those administered by school boards, or are endowed libraries, independent township libraries, and libraries organized under certain special laws. Such libraries are exempt from the compulsory provision of the 1947 Act but may elect to adopt other provisions of the Act. There are three (3) school board libraries, all of which have elected the 1947 provisions; five (5) township libraries and ten (10) libraries that were either endowed or organized under special laws. Of the latter, four (4) have elected the provisions of the 1947 Act.

Two hundred forty (240) libraries receive their chief support from public library tax funds; one (1) is supported by endowments alone. Receipts from all sources averaged \$4.54 per capita for the two hundred thirty-seven (237) libraries reporting; receipts from taxes alone were \$4.32 per capita for the two hundred thirty-seven (237) libraries reporting. Library income per capita for the entire state (i.e., both served and unserved populations) was \$4.00.

*Huntington
South Bend
Terre Haute
but Huntington
converted to Class I
in 1971.*

STATE OF INDIANA

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY LAW OF 1947

Chapter 321, Acts of 1947
as amended by
Chapter 13, Acts of 1953
Chapters 12 and 17, Acts of 1955
Chapter 381, Acts of 1959
Chapter 129, Acts of 1963
Chapter 115, Acts of 1965
Chapter 123, Acts of 1967
Chapter 364, Acts of 1969
Chapter 341, Acts of 1971
Chapter 342, Acts of 1971
Chapter 343, Acts of 1971
(Burns 41-901-921)
(IC 1971, 20-13-1-1 -- 20-13-1-24)

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29 who have signed a remonstrance against the establishment of the library
30 district, the governing body shall by written resolution establish the library
31 district heretofore mentioned effective as of the date of the adoption of the
32 resolution. A copy of such resolution shall be recorded by the governing body,
33 within five (5) days in the office of the county recorder in the county where
34 such new library district is created and at the same time a copy also shall be
35 filed with the Indiana State Library, and notice shall be given by said governing
36 body to all officials who have appointive powers under the provision of this
37 act to appoint members of the library board for such library, and such officials
38 shall forthwith appoint the library board of the new library district.

39 If, however, the governing body finds that a greater number of registered
40 voters have signed a remonstrance against the establishment of the library
41 district than the number who have signed the petition then the petition shall be
42 dismissed and the governing body shall take no further action thereon except
43 that a petition again may be presented one (1) year after the date on which the
44 governing body dismissed the last previous petition.

45 This library board of the library district established under provisions of
46 this section shall have the powers and duties of library boards as set forth in
47 this act. (Burns 41-906) (IC 1971, 20-13-1-6)

CONVERSION TO CLASS I STATUS -- RESOLUTION -- FILING AND NOTICE
TO OFFICIALS -- LIBRARY BOARD -- TAX LEVIES -- POSSESSION OF
PROPERTY AND FUNDS

2 SEC. 7. Any Class II library may convert to Class I status at any time
3 after the passage of this act by passing the following resolution: _____
4 Public Library by action of its Board of Trustees (or library board) hereby
5 resolves and elects to change its identity and to become a library district under
6 Chapter 321 of the Acts of 1947, which act is known as the Public Library Law
6 of 1947.

7 Before such resolution shall be effective under this act it shall be signed
8 by not less than a majority of the members of the library board. The effective
9 date of the conversion shall be the date on which a majority of the members of
10 the library board have signed the resolution of conversion.

11 A copy of such resolution of conversion shall be recorded by said board
12 within five (5) days in the office of the county recorder and at the same time a
13 copy also shall be filed with the Indiana State Library, and notice shall be
14 given by the library board to all officials who have appointive powers under
15 the provisions of this act and it shall be the duty of such officials forthwith to
16 appoint a new library board for such library. Members of the old board shall
17 remain as members of the new library board until a majority of the new li-
18 brary board has been appointed and such new appointees have qualified.

19 The filing of such resolution of conversion shall be deemed final and con-
20 clusive evidence that the library so converting is now and has always been a
21 validly created and established public corporation as defined in Section 5 of
22 this act: Provided, That any library which has previously filed a resolution
23 of conversion under this act is hereby declared a legally organized library
24 district entitled to enjoy all the rights and privileges granted to library dis-
25 tricts by this act.

26 Upon the filing of the resolution and the appointment and qualification of
27 the new library board as hereinafter provided, any existing tax levies shall
28 continue under prior law until the next succeeding tax levying period at which
29 time the tax provisions of this act shall become operative. The obligation of
30 any political subdivision to levy and collect taxes for library purposes is not
31 released by the resolution of conversion. Such resolution of conversion, once
32 filed, is irrevocable. A library may not after converting to a Class I library
33 revert to Class II.

34 Upon the taking effect of this act, the possession of property, equipment
35 and records and any expendable funds held under any previous acts shall be
36 lawfully possessed under the authority of this act. (Burns 41-907) (IC 1971,
37 20-13-1-7)

LIBRARY BOARDS -- APPOINTMENTS -- WOMEN MEMBERS -- TERMS --
VACANCIES -- TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATION -- REAPPOINTMENT -- VA-
CANCY BY ABSENCE -- NO COMPENSATION

2 SEC. 8. The library board of a civil city, town, township, or county li-
3 brary district, organized or coming under the provisions of this act by conver-
4 sion shall be composed of resident citizens who have resided for at least two
5 (2) years in the library district, except as provided hereinafter when there is
6 a township or townships or portions of a township or townships contracting for
7 service from such library district, and shall consist of the following members:

8 (a) Three (3) members who shall be appointed by the judge of the
9 circuit court of the county in which such library district is located, or if such
10 district is located in more than one (1) county, jointly by the judges of the cir-
11 circuit courts of the respective counties, one (1) of whom shall be appointed for
12 one (1) year, one (1) for two (2) years and one (1) for three (3) years, and at
13 least one (1) of whom shall be a woman.

14 (b) Two (2) members who shall be appointed by the board of town
15 trustees or common council of the civil city in the case of a town or city li-
16 brary, or by the township advisory board in the case of a township library, or
17 by the board of county commissioners in the case of a county library, one (1)
18 of whom shall be appointed for one (1) year and one (1) for two (2) years and at
19 least one (1) of whom shall be a woman.

20 (c) Two (2) members who shall be appointed by the school board,
21 board of school trustees, or board of school commissioners, if any there be,
22 and if such exist, of the school district in which the headquarters of the li-
23 brary district is located, one (1) of whom shall be appointed for a term of
24 three (3) years and one (1) for four (4) years, at least one (1) of whom shall be
25 a woman.

26 After the first appointments have been made all subsequent appointments
27 shall be for a term of four (4) years. Appointments to fill vacancies created
28 by death, resignation, or otherwise shall be for the unexpired term only.
29 When there is a township or townships, or portions of a township or townships
30 contracting for service from such library district, a judge of the circuit court
31 may, in making his appointments, name a resident or residents of such town-
32 ship to such board: Provided, however, That such township appointee shall
33 automatically cease to be a member of the library board if the township in
34 which he resides fails to renew its contract for library service, and this
35 authorization as to such representation shall not be construed to apply to, or
36 in any way affect, the manner of appointment of members of a county library
37 board.

38 Any member of a library board created under this act shall be eligible to
39 reappointment for not more than three (3) consecutive terms; however, a
40 member of a library board as of July 1, 1965, may be reappointed to not more
41 than three (3) consecutive terms after that date. A board member may be re-
42 moved at any time by the appointing authority, after public hearing, for any
43 cause which interferes with the proper discharge of his duty as a member of
44 such board or for cause which jeopardizes public confidence in the member.
45 A vacancy shall occur whenever a member is absent from six (6) consecutive
46 regular board meetings for any cause, other than illness, and the appointing
47 authority shall be notified by the secretary of the board of the occurrence of
such vacancy. All members of the board shall serve without compensation.

Example of New Albany Public Library:

"In October 1964 the Board of Trustees of the New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation, acting in its capacity as a library board, voted to relinquish the control of the New Albany Public Library, and at the December 8, 1964 meeting passed a resolution to convert the library from a Class II library to a Class I library under a separate library board, and the resolution of conversion was filed with the Floyd County Recorder on December 10, 1964. The organization meeting of the new library board was held on January 7, 1965."(from a booklet published for the dedication of the new library building 1969)

HISTORY OF THE

*New Albany
Floyd County
Public Library*

The New Albany Public Library was founded on May 9, 1884, under the Library Law of 1883, which permitted School Boards to organize and administer public libraries. In 1948 after Indiana's Library Laws had been codified, the Board of the School City of New Albany, acting in its capacity as a library board, voted to retain control of the New Albany Public Library which was then established as a Class II library under the provisions of the Library Law of 1947. From 1948 through 1964, therefore, the New Albany Public Library operated under the Library Law of 1883, and the Library Law of 1947 as amended.

In 1956 the New Albany School City reorganized as the New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation, and the New Albany Public Library's taxing district was declared the same as its board's. Library service was extended to all residents of Floyd County at this time.

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The organization meeting of the new library board was held on January 7, 1965, and the name of the library was officially changed to the New Albany-Floyd County Public Library.

LIBRARY BOARD

In 1969 H.E.L.P. raised the question of having the Library Board separated from the School Board. Mr. Ed Howard, Director of the Vigo County Public Library, recommended to the School Board that he prepare a study on the feasibility of a separate (appointed) library board. Mr. Howard reported at the May 1969 meeting, noting "that elected board members are subject to recall and the voice of the electorate decides whether they seccede themselves in office. The appointed board, or members thereof, can be re-appointed at the discretion of the appointing authority for up to four terms or 16 years." He recommended, at that time, that the school-library board arrangement be continued for the present if the board FELT IT WAS ABLE TO GIVE THE TIME REQUIRED FOR THE CONDUCT OF LIBRARY BUSINESS.

However, in October, 1972, Mr. Howard called for a separation of the school-library board. Since the time is approaching for building a new library--requiring the undivided attention of the board--is the present school-library board able to give the time required to the conduct of library business?

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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| November 20 | Library Board, 8:00 p.m. Emeline Fairbanks Library |
| November 21 | Vigo County Park and Recreation Board |
| November 27 | Vigo County Board of Education, 8:00 p.m. 667 Walnut |
| November 28 | Open Meeting sponsored by the Park Committee and Board of H.E.L.P., 8:00 p.m. Unitarian House: UNIQUE LAND USE FOR RECREATION |
| December 5 | City Park Board |
| December 5 | H.E.L.P. Board, 9:30 a.m. H.E.L.P. Office |
| December 11 | Vigo County Board of Education, 8:00 p.m. 667 Walnut |
| December 12 | Area Plan Commission, 7:30 p.m. Court House Annex |
| December 14 | City Council, 8:00 p.m. City Hall |
| December 18 | Library Board, 8:00 p.m. Emeline Fairbanks Library |

WHAT KIND OF LIBRARY BOARD FOR VIGO COUNTY?

Our local public library system has changed greatly in the past few years, moving -- as have all progressive systems -- beyond being only a book depository toward becoming a vital education and communication center. Questions have been raised about the kind of library board Vigo County now needs, and HELP feels a look at the present plan and alternatives is in order.

In 1881 the Indiana General Assembly passed enabling legislation to establish public libraries in connection with common schools in all cities of 10,000 or more and to define duties and powers of Boards of School Trustees in relation to libraries. In 1882 the Terre Haute School Board purchased property, established and began to administer our free public library. In 1947 the General Assembly passed the Public Library Law which authorized libraries which had been controlled by school boards to have boards of their own either (1) by the same board functioning as a library board, or (2) by an appointed board. There is no provision under present Indiana Law for a separate elected library board. In 1953 the Terre Haute School Board resolved to form itself into a separate library board in accordance with the 1947 Public Library Law. With school reorganization in 1960 both the school board and the library board became county boards.

There are certain advantages to this plan. Since board members are elected they are subject to recall by voters. The system unites two institutions with the common concern of public education, making coordination of public and school library service more effective. Libraries under this system are a concern of the state and are not subject to local governmental changes. The school connection strengthens the professional position of library personnel and lessens the danger of political influence. Our library enjoys an economic advantage at the present time as it contracts, at a modest fee, with the school corporation for bookkeeping and related financial services, insurance cost is lessened because it is part of the school package.

An appointed board is an alternative to our present system. Such a board would consist of 3 members appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court, 2 by the County Commissioners and 2 by the school trustees. Members of an appointed board would not have to divide their time between school and library affairs as they would be responsible for the library only. An appointed board could also have its own bonding power and political ties could make library support stronger.

In some places thought is being given to the idea of discontinuing library boards, but this would not be a possibility under present Indiana law.

Last year the Vigo County Public Library Board asked Director Ed Howard to prepare a study on the feasibility of a separate (appointed) library board. Mr. Howard reported at the May 1969 meeting, noting "that elected board members are subject to recall and the voice of the electorate decides whether they succeed themselves in office. The appointed board, or members thereof, can be reappointed at the discretion of the appointing authority for up to four terms, or 16 years." He recommended the present school-library board arrangement be continued for the present if the board felt it was able to give the time required to the conduct of library business.

What do you, citizens, library users, library staff, past or present trustees think? Is our present system satisfactory or do we need a change?

PROGRESS REPORT ON SEPARATE BOARD STUDY

Library Board
Minutes May 1969

At the March 10, 1969 meeting, the Library Board asked the Director to prepare a study on the feasibility of a separate Library Board to conduct the affairs of the Library. Under the present arrangement, the elected members of the Vigo County School Corporation Board of Trustees have the dual responsibility of serving as the Vigo County Library Board. The other alternative under Indiana Law is an appointed Board with three members appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court, two members appointed by the County Commissioners, and two members appointed by the School Board. Mr. Howard noted in his study that a good Library Board represents the various sectors of the community and that a well qualified board member is informed, open-minded, an active participant in community affairs, and cognizant of the library's role and importance as a cultural and informational center. Mr. Howard also noted that elected Board members are subject to recall and the voice of the electorate decides whether they succeed themselves in office. The appointed Board, or members thereof, can be re-appointed at the discretion of the appointing authority for up to four terms or sixteen years. It was Mr. Howard's recommendation that the present School-Library Board arrangement be continued for the present if the Board felt they were able to give the time required to the conduct of Library business. It was moved by Mrs. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Bell, that the present School-Library Board arrangement be continued at this time. The motion carried by the following vote: Mrs. Caldwell, Dr. Bell, and Dr. Kessel "Aye"; Mr. Farmer "No".

Terre Haute, Indiana, March 22, 1965

Be It Remembered that at a regular meeting of the Vigo County Library Board for the Emeline Fairbanks Library, had and held in the office of the Board, in the Board of Education building located at 667 Walnut Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, on the 22nd day of March, 1965, at 10:00 P. M., C. D. T., the following members being present, to wit: Arch R. Dunbar, President; William G. Kessel, Secretary; John E. Sutherland, Treasurer; Iverson C. Bell; Charlotte E. Caldwell; and Paul D. Haas; Peter A. Farmer being absent; the following proceedings were had:

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mrs. Caldwell, that the minutes of the regular Library Board meeting of February 22, 1965, as provided, be approved

Carried by the following vote:

Ayes - Messrs. Kessel, Haas, Dunbar, Mrs. Caldwell, and Messrs. Bell and Sutherland

Noes - None

NEW LIBRARY LAW ENACTED BY 1965 LEGISLATURE

Mr. Taylor stated the Auditor of Vigo County had questioned the validity of the Vigo County School Corporation operating the public library, and was pleased to state that a new law had been enacted by the 1965 Legislature that should dispel any questions.

The law to wit:

"House bill 1080 is a bill to amend the library law of 1947.
Sec. 5, lines 16-23 read as follows:

"16. In the case of any public library heretofore established or otherwise coming under this Act, the territory of said library district shall be conclusively presumed to be the territory which includes the property against which a tax has been levied for library purposes in said library district for the two years preceding the enactment of this Act. A certificate of the county auditor as to the property against which the tax for library purposes was levied shall constitute conclusive evidence as to the territory included in said library district."

RESOLUTION--LIBRARY BOARD

The Board of School Trustees acting in its capacity as the Library Board of the Emeline Fairbanks Library:

RESOLVES, that this Board does now and hereby elect to have the powers and rights with respect to the management, control, financing, issuance of bonds, and levy of taxes of and for libraries as are contained and enumerated in the Acts of the General Assembly of 1947, Chapter 321, same being the "Library Law of 1947"; Provided, However, that this resolution shall not be construed to be and is not a resolution of change of identity or conversion of status of this library, and provided further that the status of this library as a Class II library as defined in Section 4 of the aforesaid Library Law of 1947, is hereby expressly reserved and retained.

Motion by Mr. Bloxsome, second by Dr. Weber that the resolution be approved.

Carried by the following vote:

Ayes - Messrs. Bloxsome, Liggett, and Weber

Noes - None.

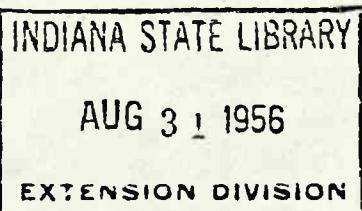
(The above is an excerpt from the Terre Haute City Schools Board Minutes of August 3, 1953 pp. 195-196)

Loring C. Halberstadt
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Director of Business and Research
Terre Haute City Schools

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of August 1956.

Elizabeth Evans
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My commission expires March 29, 1959.



National Newspaper Week

Community Affairs File

Display at Vigo Library

By JACK HUGHES
Tribune Staff Writer

"News is 'living history.' And newspapers are the permanent record of that history," reports Ed Howard, head of the Vigo County Public Library where attention is focusing on next week's observance of National Newspaper Week.

The Emeline Fairbanks Library, 222 N. 7th St., the central storehouse of the county library system, and the several branch libraries hold an impressive collection of that "living history," adding, indexing and preserving new chapters daily in the continuing story of our time.

Oct. 7-13 is National Newspaper Week this year, flying under the banner "Newspapers: Your Foundation for Free Choice," with a seven-day salute to the role of newspapers in defense of freedom. Chairman of the 1973 National Newspaper Week is James W. Hall Jr., executive director of the Alabama Press Association. The emblem is a shield carrying the title, date and slogan of the celebration with the Liberty Bell providing background for an early American reporter-editor-pressman at his press.

Newspaper Week displays are being featured at the libraries, backed by their comprehensive collection of current newspapers which comprise an important area of library source material.

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amidst books, periodicals and other publications.

Original copies of numerous newspapers continuing publication are kept at least until they have been recorded on microfilm, and in many cases for a longer period of time, according to Mrs. Frances Boyd, public services coordinator. Her duties currently include tours of library facilities for newsmen, bringing current their knowledge of services offered by the library.

Those services have been augmented in recent years with the development of continuing programs and special projects in local history and community affairs.

These include clippings, files and information packets in addition to microfilm records maintained under Vula Malooley, reference services coordinator, and records of published material on local clubs and other organizations preserved in a program for such groups by Genevieve Reisner, group serv-

ices librarian.

The clippings in particular come from a file of 27 past and present newspapers on microfilm, including the current local publications as well as more than a dozen former weeklies and dailies published in Terre Haute and Vigo County, including the Terre Haute Semi-Weekly Express, the Gazette, the Daily Union, the Vigo County Journal, the Terre Haute Daily American (May to Sept., 1855) and others.

Newspapers of other localities preserved in the local library range from the New York Times (from current issues back to 1960) to the New Harmony Gazette (1825).

Appropriate items from the file of newspapers provide the basis for the Community Affairs-Local History reference material. Howard said. "It starts with today's newspaper and goes back to the earliest recorded history in the Wabash Valley . . .

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the main source (being) newspapers."

A new service, begun this year, is the Current Events file, ". . . indexed by subject matter on areas of interest covered only in daily news reports." Set up in the same style as the history file to preserve clippings on topics of current or recent interest, the Current Events file is described as comprehensive. In the course of continuing maintenance, it will be culled of dated material, some of which will be preserved and automatically provide for the continued development of the history file. File topics range from Abortion to Zoning, Terre Haute, with reports on Housing, Schools, Traffic and many others between.

Group Services files are said to contain information on all local organizations, including names of officers and of individuals who have figured in presentations by those organizations, such as speakers obtained for talks at meetings and special programs.

Another record being developed is the Obituary file, reported current and complete back to 1967, with items from the local daily newspapers. While the file continues to be kept current, in regular maintenance as time permits, obituaries will be added from published notices prior to 1967.

Microfilm equipment available at the main library includes three viewers, including

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one "print-out" machine which may be used to make a copy of material in the viewer, and a "microfiche" viewer. Microfiche records are similar to microfilm except that the images are recorded in groups on small film sheets rather than on film reels. The card-like sheets of film employed in microfiche are indexed so as to provide for quick location of specific reference material.

Many other library references relate to the coming observance of **Newspaper Week**, including a number of articles from recent publications, including local dailies, dealing with the concept of **Freedom of the Press**, filed with a covering bibliography under that title.

A wealth of books may be mined for works of, about and written by newsmen on newspapers. Reports on living history ranging from deep drama to hysterical highjinks are available. The reporters include **Jina Bishop, Ernest Hemingway, Mark Twain, Earl Wilson**, not to mention **Matthew, Mark, Luke and John**, in the galaxy of star journalists whose printed words seek to "tell it like it is."

Newly available materials in sight and sound on the collective subject of freedom of speech and the press include a 23-minute, 16-mm. color film entitled "The Right to Know" and two tape recordings. They are "The Responsible Press" with seasoned journalists in discussion on limits on freedom of the press, and "Free Speech" in which experts discuss the relation between the courts and the press.

On this and other topics, library personnel borrow from the time-honored cry of the newsboy as they suggest, "Read all about it."



LIBRARY OBSERVES NEWSPAPER WEEK - A graphic display will be featured at the Vigo County Public Library, 222 N. 7th St., during National Newspaper Week, Oct. 7-13. Looking it over are **Frances Boyd**, coordinator of library public services, and director **Ed Howard**. The VCPL is calling special attention to the importance of local newspapers and the need to maintain a free press during the week's observance.

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New Library Board

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To Meet July 29

Community Affairs File

Vigo County's appointed library board became official Wednesday morning as four of the seven members took their oath of office and received their library trustee certificates.

The members now plan to conduct their organization meeting at 8 p.m. on Monday, July 29, at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library.

Receiving the oath of office from Vigo Circuit Court Judge C. Joseph Anderson were Ned Bush, Sr., Dave Johnston, George E. Dunkin, and Mrs. Rosemary Duwelius.

The other three board members, Arch Dunbar, Mrs. Ethel Bell, and Mrs. Carolyn Henson, were out of the city for various reasons Wednesday morning. The three plan to be sworn in prior to the Monday evening meeting.

The board is now official since, according to law, as soon as a majority of the appointees (in this case four) are sworn in, the board can function.

Also under law, the board has 10 days to organize, elect officers, and begin functioning. Since the former elected library board normally met on Monday evenings, the July 29 date was selected for the new board's first meeting.

The former library board decided in an historic session on July 15 to separate the school and library boards and declare the library a Class I facility. In doing this, the trustees relinquished their memberships on the library board to seven appointed members.

One of the main reasons that the change to a Class I status was made was to clarify the legal status of the library so that bonding counsel would

grant the board authority to issue bonds for the construction of a new main library.

On July 16, the Vigo County commissioners appointed Dunbar and Mrs. Henson to the board. On the next day, Judge Anderson named Bush, Johnston and Mrs. Bell to serve as library trustees.

The Vigo County School Corporation board of trustees named Dunkin and Mrs. Duwelius during their session Monday evening.

As set by statute, the appointees by the circuit court judge will serve one, two and three-year terms initially. The school corporation appointees will be for three and four years, while the commissioners' appointees will serve for one and two-year initial terms.

The law specified that at least one of each group's appointments be a woman.

One of the first major duties of the new board will undoubtedly be to grant approval for the advertising of the library's budget. Library Director Ed Howard reported earlier that the trustees would have to consider the budget by Aug. 12.

Dunbar, 2507 N. 11th St., was named to a two-year term by the county commissioner. He is a former member of the VCSC board of trustees and he served as chairman of the former library board's Citizen Advisory Committee. Dunbar is president of the Wabash Federal Savings and Loan.

Mrs. Henson, 116 N. 36th St., was named to a one-year term by the commissioners. She is a past president of the League of Women Voters and she has been active in Girl Scout programs. Mrs. Henson has served on the Florence Crittenden Board and she is married to Dr. Jess Henson, animal nutritionist at Commercial Solvents Corporation.

Bush, 451 N. 8th St., is curator of the Eugene V. Debs Home and a former city editor for The TRIBUNE. He was also a member of the former Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Johnston, RR 1, West Terre Haute, is assistant vice president of the Terre Haute First National Bank. He has been chairman of the Wabash Valley Muscular Dystrophy campaign for the past two years and is a past president of the West Vigo Jaycees. Johnston is a graduate of the School of Bank

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ing of the University of Wisconsin.

Mrs. Bell, 82 Heritage Dr., is an instructor in the School of Nursing at Indiana State University. She is the wife of Dr. Iverson Bell, a current school board member and a local veterinarian.

Dunkin, 120 Mary Lane, is the owner of Toyota of Terre Haute. He is an Indiana State University graduate and a former member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee. He served in World War II and has formerly been involved in library work in Fort Wayne. Dunkin was appointed to a three year term by the Vigo County School Corporation board of trustees.

Mrs. Duwelius, 2751 College Ave., is a member of the Vigo County Co-ordinating council. She serves on the HELP board of directors and she has been active in Head Start Work. Mrs. Duwelius, who was appointed to a four-year term by the school board, is a member of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church.

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NEW LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS TAKE OATH—Vigo County Circuit Court Judge C. Joseph Anderson administered the oath of office to four new Vigo County Library Board members Wednesday morning. The new members include Mrs. Rosemary Duvelius, Ned Bush Sr., George E. Dunkin and Dave Johnston. Three other new board members, Arch Dunbar, Mrs. Carolyn Henson and Mrs. Ethel Bell, were unable to attend the ceremony Wednesday and will probably take their oaths Monday morning. The new board will conduct their organization session Monday evening at the Emeline Fairbanks Library. House of Photography Photo.

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Citizens Advisory Committee To Library Board Elects Officers

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An appeal to the general public to make known its desires in regards to the proposed new main library was issued Saturday by Arch Dunbar, chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Vigo County Public Library Board following the committee's initial meeting Saturday.

The 10-member advisory group met in the main library Saturday with 100 per cent attendance and held its organizational election.

Arch Dunbar, a former president of the library board, president of the Wabash Federal Savings & Loan, was elected chairman of the advisory group; George E. Dunkin, vice president. Toyota of Terre Haute, was named vice chairman, and Mrs. Alice Kieweg, active for many years in the affairs of the community, was named secretary.

John Valle, president of the library board, acted as temporary chairman until the officers of the group were elected. Valle also presented in a broad way some of the problems that have beset the board in getting the library project under way and expressed his gratification that there was 100 per cent attendance of the advisory group.

Edward N. Howard, director of the Vigo County Public Library, presented each member of the committee copies of the building program statement for the new library and many other documents in connection with the bonding and financing of the new library.

project. He expressed his willingness to work closely with the advisory group and to assist the group in any way that he could in getting opinions from the public and to assist the group in the physical work of presenting written recommendations to the library board. He emphasized that such reports would be the product of the advisory group itself.

Mrs. Charlotte Caldwell, member of the library board, was also in attendance and said that she was extremely pleased by the fact that the entire committee was in attendance despite the sub-zero cold and the snow which made it difficult to get to the meeting. She expressed the hope that the committee would look into the library situation in detail and that its recommendations would be helpful to the library board in making the final decision on the building of the new library.

Mr. Valle and Mrs. Caldwell retired from the meeting after answering several questions asked by individuals of the committee seeking information on why the project had bogged down and was making little, if any, progress.

The advisory group accepted the invitation of Dunbar to meet in the board room of the Wabash Federal Savings & Loan at Third and Wabash. The group decided to meet twice monthly at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Following the meeting, Chairman Dunbar issued the following

statement:

"It was agreed at the initial meeting that the function of this citizens group is solely to advise the library board—that the group has no decision making power whatever. It is the duty of the advisory group to be the communications bridge between the general public and the library board. All 10 members of this group are in accord that this is the principal function required of us.

"We hope that the general public will respond and tell us formally or informally what the public wants. We request that individuals send us their ideas about the project; what they want in the matter of facilities and any other suggestions that they might have. We would hope that individuals will respond in this manner quickly. Time is of the very essence in this matter.

"We all know that the longer the project is delayed, the more it will cost. Construction prices are not standing still—they are rising almost daily. A project that is delayed one year from now will cost from 15 to 20 per cent more than it would cost if construction was to begin to-morrow.

"As of now, the advisory group is not fully aware of all the problems involved. All of us have dedicated ourselves to the task of learning these problems as quickly as possible and to make our recommendations, not with undue haste, but as soon as we can within a reasonable time. We hope that our recom-

mendations will be reasonable and assist the library board in coming up with the best possible library at a cost that will be reasonable and within the means of the taxpayers and the general public."

Dunbar asked that communications be addressed to him at the Wabash Federal & Savings Loan with a notation on the address with the word library on the envelope so that it might easily be sorted from the regular business mail of the company.

Dunbar also asked that individuals talk or write to other members of the advisory board.

The advisory board will meet informally with the library board at Plaza North Monday evening.

The next regular meeting of the advisory group will be Saturday, Feb 2, at 10 a.m.

The members of the advisory group are Mr. Dunbar, chairman; George E. Dunkin, vice-chairman; Mrs. Alice Kieweg, secretary; Thomas Finnerty, president Terre Haute Savings Bank; Ned A. Bush, Sr., executive vice president, Eugene Debs Foundation; Mrs. Donna M. Keith, secretary, VCSC; Mrs. Linda Kotter, nurse, Medical Arts Business Office; Patrick O'Leary, president, Terre Haute Concrete Supply Corp.; Mrs. Marilyn Pendergast and Dr. Pierard, professor of history, ISU.

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ELECT OFFICERS—The Citizens Advisory Committee to the Vigo County Public Library Board which held its organizational meeting and elected officers. The 10-member advisory group for the main library building program includes, seated from left, Mrs. Alice Kieweg, newly elected secretary; Mrs. Marilyn Pendergast, Mrs. Linda Kotter, Mrs. Donna M. Keith, Thomas J. Finnerty, and Patrick O'Leary. Standing from left are Ned Bush Sr., Richard Pierard, George E. Dunkin, vice chairman of the group, and Arch R. Dunbar, newly elected chairman.

Martin Photo.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Libraries (T.H.) VCP

Which lawyer you hire can make a big difference. Library patrons in Vigo County are finding this out the hard way—by seeing construction of a new central library suffer delay upon delay. For months the Board has been trying to have bonds issued to supply funds for building a library.

In most states one bond firm passes on the legal validity of about 80% of all bond issues. Indiana's library bond specialist is Dave Brewer of the Indianapolis law firm Ice, Miller, Donadio and Ryan. Vigo County's library board did not employ Brewer as bond counsel; however, bond companies the library has contacted require Brewer's approval before they will handle this bond issue. Brewer will not approve Vigo County library bonds because he thinks adequate enabling legislation was not passed at the time of school consolidation. If Brewer is correct, you might wonder why the State Board of Accounts and the State Tax Commissioners have never raised a similar question about the library's operations. Apparently an official Attorney General opinion is not adequate to resolve this technical question. In order to clarify this so that bonds can be sold, bond attorneys allege there must be judicial determination insuring that ours is a properly constituted library board. This is why the League of Women Voters, with blessings from the library board, is instituting a "friendly law suit."

A completely separate issue facing the library board is whether it should be separated from the School Board. Of 100 libraries originally existing in this state as Class II institutions and having one board act in both capacities, Vigo County library director Ed Howard says only two remain—South Bend and Vigo County. All that is required to change this is for the board to pass a resolution to separate the two and become a Class I library. Then the library board becomes an appointed body, with three members appointed by the Circuit Court Judge, two members appointed by the County Commissioners, and two members appointed by the School Board. Such a move has been defeated several times in the past, but will probably be raised again after the school board election.

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Rental of space in the Federal Building, 7th and Cherry, has changed since the postal service has become a private corporation. Just as postage rates have increased, so have rents charged by the post office. There is

widespread agreement that service has deteriorated. Rumor has it that Metropolitan Life Insurance Company was interested in moving a large operation into the former Topps store here. A survey Metropolitan ran showed that poor Terre Haute mail service and lack of mail sorting facilities would cost the company \$2 million a day. Terre Haute's loss will be another city's gain.

Increased rates have almost emptied the Federal Building. In the last few years the Soil Conservation Service, Army and Air Force Recruiting have moved out. The Extended Service and Internal Revenue are preparing to leave.

Formerly the Extension Service was not required to pay rent; now its rent has been set at \$14,000 to \$16,000 a year. Vigo County pays this bill to the postal department. While there has been some talk of reducing the figure, the County Commissioners believe it would be cheaper to house the Extension Service in new space to be built over the Court House's boiler plant.

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Dissident Republicans (those on the outs with Vigo County Chairman Tom Hicks) think one of their biggest problems stems from not having any legal help. All local Republican lawyers are on the other side, they complain.

Republican precinct committeemen and vice-committeemen meet on the Saturday following the primary to elect a county chairman. Twenty-one precincts do not have anyone running for Republican committeemen, so the current county chairman will have an opportunity to appoint 42 committeemen who will vote in this contest.

Hick's Republican opponents, they say, were told, just before filing closed, that there was a Republican running for committeemen in every precinct. Therefore, they concentrated their efforts on the state convention delegates and filed an opposition slate of 22 candidates.

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City Councilman Pete Chalos has introduced an ordinance which would repeal subdivision control in Terre Haute. Word is that this is a continuation of the hassle over rezoning a parcel of land on Wallace Avenue.

The Board of Zoning Appeals originally recommended a "variance" permitting construction of 4 units (8 apartments) on one lot in a residential neighborhood zoned for two-family homes. Unfortunately, the builder somehow secured a building permit and begun work on the apartments. Neighbors hired a lawyer and were able to convince the City Council to turn down his request. Next the builder turned to Area Planning for project clearance as a subdivision, with 3 units (6 apartments). This request was denied, because it failed to conform to a number of requirements.

The subdivision ordinance is a joint, cooperative effort of all Vigo County governmental units. We fear that if Terre Haute pulls out, it will set a bad example for other participating units of government. Subdivision control is a basic tool for setting development standards and placing costs of subdivision developments where they belong—on the developer, rather than the taxpayer. It also offers purchasers certain guarantees as to proper drainage, roads, lighting, street signs, etc. It is a vital step towards making this a better place to live.

The Fire Department has requested \$14,000 (beyond its current appropriations) in revenue sharing money from the City Council. Part of this sum is to pay for oxygen masks and tanks, part for a third ambulance.

This is the third time that money for a third ambulance has been requested. In January, the Indiana Department of Traffic Safety and Vehicle Inspection granted \$10,500 toward the purchase. At about the same time the County Council appropriated \$7,900 for the balance of the cost of the ambulance. Now, some 4 months later and with no apparent action on the purchase, here's another request for money for the same, fully equipped ambulance. What goes on here?

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At least six local government boards lack full membership or have the wrong composition. All are the responsibility of Mayor Bill Brighton.

1. Board of Zoning Appeals—needs two members from the City Planning Commission. No one who works for the city or county is eligible. Straightening this out would mean replacing three of the five members.
2. City Planning Commission — needs two additional members, one of whom must be a park commissioner.
3. City Park Board—supposed to be half Democrats, half Republicans. Has been three Democrats, one Republican; however, one Democrat's term expired March 31, so the Mayor has an opportunity to correct the situation.
4. Human Relations Commission—needs two additional members.
5. Air Pollution Board—missing two of the eleven required members, one doctor and one lawyer. (The Mayor says he can't find any willing to serve, but HELP says it has submitted lists of willing lawyers and doctors to him.)
6. Board of Health—the mayor's five appointees (one of whom was a carryover) have all been Democrats. The law requires that they be politically divided.

Since actions of improperly constituted boards may be open to legal attack, it would seem appropriate to make the needed adjustments as soon as possible.

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Hand-Made Canes at Vigo Library

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A number of hand-made canes by Howard Maners, 16 S. 7th St., West Terre Haute, are on exhibit in the Vigo County Public Library main building.

Maners, a construction worker, has created from limbs of native trees a unique collection of walking sticks in many styles and shapes.

Wood used ranges from sassafras, maple, walnut, dogwood, crab apple, and pine oak, to pignut hickory, hackberry and buckeye.

Begun as a pastime while he was hunting in woods near his home, the hobby just "came to him," Maners says.

The idea of fashioning canes from interestingly-shaped sticks found along the way has now grown to a sizeable collection.

Maners peels off the bark, then finishes the cane by use of various techniques, trying to retain the natural shape of the stick as far as possible. In some cases, he has removed vines, finished them to look like snakes and then restored them to the original groove in the wood. In others he has used the grooves left by vines to provide the design of the cane.

Much of the design of each cane is built around the original contour and marking of the wood itself. Finishing is done largely with steel wool and shellac. Some cane heads have been carved to look like snakes, but a number have utilized a natural bend in the wood.

The cane display will remain in the locked glass case of the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, 222 N. 7th St., through the month of October.

Libraries (TH)



ONE-HUNDRED PERCENTERS — Vigo County Public Library employes have completed their campaign for support of the current Wabash Valley United Way fund drive with 100 per cent participation and a 23 per cent increase over last year. Average contribution for 1974 was \$30.56 per person. Pictured here are two of those who helped: Mrs. Carol Sutherland, at right, young people's librarian and president of the VCPL Staff Association, and Jim Whalen, left, vice president of the board of the Wabash Valley Boy Scout Council. Council board members are serving as volunteer solicitors during the campaign for 97 organizations. Each of the boards of the 31 UW agencies has responsibility for a specific segment of the campaign. (Photo by Kadel)

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DRUG INFORMATION DISPLAY REVIEWED—Alice Feutz and Jane Covert, reference librarians at the Vigo County Public Library, examine the drug information display in the lobby of the Emeline Fairbanks Library. The display was part of the observance of Drug Abuse Prevention Week which was planned by the Addictions Committee of the Vigo County Coordinating Council. It featured the calendar of events and a display of the VCPL information materials available for use by local persons and groups in drug education programs.

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Stained Glass In Vigo Library Dome Is Historic

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By RICHARD C. TUTTLE
Star Staff Writer

The artistry of stained glass windows extends beyond its use in churches or the older mansions of the late 1800's and early 1900's.

The Vigo County Public Library, formerly known as the Elamaine Fairbanks Memorial Library, has a magnificent example of stained glass in the large dome in the center of the building.

The beauty and precision of the design is not easily seen at present, as some years ago it was necessary to roof over the skylight above the dome to correct leaking conditions. The lights on the circumference no longer work, so the dome cannot be seen lighted from within, as it was at one time.

The dome is 28 feet in diameter. It is divided into 16 wedges, with intricate geometric design from the center toward the outer edge. Centered near the outer edge were pictures in stained glass of noted personages of the era, the first decade of 1900.

Pictured in the glass, starting at the north and moving around the dome clockwise, are William Shakespeare, Daniel Vorhees, Thomas A. Edison, James Whitcomb Riley, Washington Irving, Victor Hugo, Ludwig von Beethoven, Mark Twin, Richard W. Thompson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Ulysses S. Grant, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Lew Wallace and Rosa Bonheur.

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Represented in those pictured

are politics (government), art, literature, poetry, law, music, industry (inventor) and the presidency. Two were Terre Hauteans' Col. Richard W. Thompson and Daniel Vorhees, both having served as U.S. senators from Indiana.

The library was the gift of Crawford Fairbanks in memory of his mother. He announced the gift in 1903, and the library opened in 1906.

Architects were Charles E. Scott and William H. Floyd of Terre Haute. It was constructed by Noah Brill of the Modern Construction Co. of Terre Haute. There is no reference in the library file pertaining to the craftsmen who installed the dome.

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VCPL Board Continues By-Laws Study; Approve Funds Transfer

By LARRY GIBBS
Star Staff Writer

Consideration of by-laws for the recently impaneled Vigo County Library Board was continued to the Oct. 21 meeting Monday night during a 40-minute board session at Fairbanks Memorial Library.

Discussion and possible adoption of the by-laws, being prepared by board attorney B. Guille Cox Jr., had been anticipated Monday, but president Arch Dunbar said additional study of the proposals is continuing.

Meeting with five of its seven members present, the board also approved transfer of \$50,000 in certificates of deposit to the library operating fund. The action is necessary because no tax advance will be forthcoming in

time to keep the fund operable. The \$50,000 must be returned to its original account by Dec. 31.

Library director Ed Howard said the \$50,000 would come from a total of \$150,000 in certificates of deposit which will reach maturity Sept. 24.

There was considerable discussion among board members regarding the best procedure for reinvestment of the remaining \$100,000 in 30-day certificates. Although it was generally agreed that investments should be distributed equally among local banks, the matter was continued for further study.

Howard also advised the board that the library's proposed operating budget for 1975 was not changed by the county tax adjustment board during that panel's recent budget reviews. He noted, however, that increases in the county's assessed valuation have decreased the proposed library rate from the advertised rate of .37 to a new figure of .3527.

In other action Monday night, board members heard a report from the library staff concerning "Future of the Family", a public program to be presented Sept. 24 at the Clinical Education Building, 1650 N. 7th St.

Sponsored jointly by the Vigo

County Clergy Association and The Family Life Education Committee of the Vigo County Coordinating Council, the program will deal with the community's responsibility for preparing its youth for family living. The session is made possible through a matching grant from the Indiana Committee for the Humanities in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Scheduled from 4:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., including supper in the Union Hospital cafeteria, the program will present a variety of individual speakers. Among those slated to address the free public meeting are Dr. Diane Brasher, family counselor in private practice at Indianapolis; Daniel Hopson, Jr., professor of family law at

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Indiana University, and Caye Hudson, professor of sociology at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Other participants will include Vera Channels, professor of family and child development with the Home Economics Department of Indiana State University; Mrs. Charlotte Caldwell, president of the Vigo County School Board; State Sen. Herman Fanning (D-Terre Haute) and Rev. John Pekel, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church and president of the Vigo County Clergy Association.

Further information concerning the program may be obtained by contacting either of its directors, Nancy S. Nichol, 232-4349, or Father John Elford, 232-8518.

In conjunction with explanation of the upcoming program, board members examined copies of "Family Living", a selected list of materials of interest to people planning family life education programs, prepared by the library staff.

In addition to Dunbar, trustees attending Monday's session were Carolyn Henson, Ned Bush Sr., Rosemary Duwelius and George Dunkin.

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And Services Are Praised

By GLADYS SELTZER
Star Staff Writer

Vigo County Public Library and its services to the community received high praise Wednesday from Mrs. Sue Fontaine, information officer of the Tulsa, Okla. City County

Library, who has been in Terre Haute to begin a three month research project on public relations of selected libraries in the United States.

Asked why she chose to begin her project here, Mrs. Fontaine said she selected Vigo County Public Library because the "innovative management techniques and communications theories" of Ed Howard, library director, which have received "nationwide attention."

The local library uses participatory management in its administration, one of the library managerial patterns she will study in the course of her research. Such management allows the entire staff to have input for decisions and library functions, she noted, and was one of the outstanding qualities of the local library administration.

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She praised also the "real focus on the library as a communications center" whereby "if you can't come to the library, it comes to you." She noted the availability of films, audio-visual materials, tapes, cassettes for the public at the library as well as the fact it was a "very fine reference center."

She emphasized the value of the library services being taken out into the community and said proof of systems working had been found in her conversations with a number of citizens in the community.

The visitor called the recently named new library board and

the site of the new library "plus factors" and called it "remarkable that the staff is functioning in such a high level of service" in the present quarters. The design for the new library will incorporate many excellent features for service she added.

The site, she noted was accessible to all the community and the business man. Mrs.

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Fontaine also commented on the "good relations the library has with labor groups" and the fact that "union leaders are working with the library, something left untouched by many libraries."

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Calling the "publicising of library services an unremitting task," she said "the media here does give the library terrific support . . . this will encourage other communities to work harder at telling the library story to the media."

The visitor commended also the local community for the good care its members took of the audio-visual equipment when borrowed from the library, a situation not always true in some communities.

The information gathered during her visits to the 22 libraries in major regions of the United States which employ different managerial patterns in implementation of public relations and publicity will be used by libraries, both those participating and others. It also will be used for information for the public.

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"Vigo County Public Library is a pace setter and an example and I've seen it demonstrated," she said.

The research will be funded by a Council on Library Resources as a part of a Fellowship awarded to Mrs. Fontaine, one of 25 such awards for the 1974-75 year.

She arrived in Terre Haute Sunday for a busy schedule and left Wednesday afternoon for Skokie, Ill., where she will study its public library.

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LIBRARY VISITOR—Mrs. Sue Fontaine, information officer of the Tulsa, Okla., City-County Library, is pictured as she chats with Dave Johnston, left, treasurer of the Vigo County Library board, after a Wednesday morning press conference at the Knights of Columbus Clubhouse. She was in Terre Haute from Sunday until Wednesday afternoon to study public relations and managerial patterns of the local library. (Photo by Kadel)

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Library Gets Poetry Book By Fred Hord

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A first book of poetry by a local writer and professor has been given to the Vigo County Public Library to be placed in its poetry section.

Fred Hord, a Wiley High School and Indiana State University graduate, has presented the library with his first published book of poetry, "After H(Ours)." The work is one of six in a First Poets Series published by the Third World Press, Chicago, Ill.

Six black poets from all over the country were chosen to make up this First Poets Series, all released simultaneously. "After H(Ours)" is taken from the title of one of the poems in the collection by Hord.

Other poems have titles such as, "Act As Fact Not Artifact," "Moving On," "We Have Been Men," and "A Cycle Wanting to End."

Hord is a former lecturer at Hunter College in New York, and Director of Black Studies at Franklin College, Ind.

He is currently assistant professor of English at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind. He won the Governor's Award for most outstanding black male student in Indiana colleges and universities in 1963 and has contributed articles of literary criticism to Black Books Bulletin.

He is currently working on a second book of poetry, as well as a book of essays.

The son of Rev. and Mrs. Noel E. Hord, 1406 Oak St., Hord is a specialist in Afro-American literature and has worked as a consultant in this field.

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LOCAL POET INCLUDED IN BOOK—Fred Hord is shown with members of the Vigo County Public Library displaying a recently published book of poetry by Hord. Seated with Hord is his mother, Mrs. Noel E. Hord, who is also a reference librarian at the VCPL. Standing are Mrs. Vula Malooley, coordinator for reference services, and Carmen Gordon, reference librarian.

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Libraries (T.H.) - VCPL
Hours Reduced

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The Emeline Fairbanks Library will be open eight hours less each week due to budget restrictions caused by the new federal minimum wage law.

The reduction in hours was approved by the Vigo County Library Board during a regular session Monday evening. The reduction in hours was recommended by Edward Howard.

library director. In other business, the library board dealt with contracts concerning the teletype service and heard Howard's regular report.

Beginning next Monday, the main library will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The hours are approximately those of downtown businesses.

The new schedule reduces the number of hours the library is open each week from 66 to 58. Under the present schedule, the library remains open until 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and until 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Howard and Mrs. Betty Martin, assistant library director, explained the U.S. Department of Labor has ruled public libraries fall under provisions of the law requiring payment of at least \$1.90 per hour. The figure applies to part-time student assistants at the facility.

In order to stay within the budget, Howard recommended the reduction in hours at the main library. Hours at branch libraries will remain unchanged.

The board approved a contract with the Indiana State Library for a grant to purchase a teletype terminal for Fairbanks Library. The contract with the state library for teletype service was also renewed.

The purchase of the \$1,450 terminal will reduce the Vigo County Public Library's monthly cost for the teletype network from \$58.50 to \$16.50. The library has been renting a terminal from Western Union.

The teletype allows library staff members to assist patrons by obtaining information not available locally. The system connects libraries throughout Indiana with the state library.

The board renewed insurance for the library at an annual cost of \$7,616. The figure is increased from \$6,286 because of improved library inventory procedures and because library insurance is no longer part of the

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school* package.

In his formal report, Howard noted a sign identifying the former Wiley school site as the future location for the new main library has been erected on the property. The sign is a result of a recommendation by the Citizens Advisory Committee for the New Main Library Building.

Howard reminded the board of a column appearing each week in The Sunday Tribune-Star by Frances Boyd, VCPL coordinator of public services. In "From the World of Print," Mrs. Boyd provides a librarian's evaluation of new books and materials at the library.

The director also noted Mrs. Genevieve Reisner, group services librarian, received an award during Senior Citizens Day at the Banks of the Wabash Festival. She was recognized by the Vigo County Council on Aging and the Aged for her volunteer services.

Howard told the board the Fairbanks Library was added to walking tour of downtown Terre Haute prepared by the Swope Art Gallery for the Banks of the Wabash Festival. Library staff members reported increased library visitation during the festival week.

Finally, the board commended the VCL Staff Association for their voluntary work in operating a "rest and relaxation" booth at the Banks of the Wabash Festival. Marie Long chaired the committee for the booth. She was assisted by Jessie Hord and Virginia Smith.

Board members John Valle, Mrs. Charlotte Caldwell, William Llewellyn and John Sutherland attended the brief meeting. Dr. Iverson Bell, Paul Haas and Peter Farmer were absent.

The next library board meeting will be a special July 1 re-organizational session which will follow the school board meeting at the Vigo County School Corporation Administration Building, 861 Lafayette Ave.

At that meeting, Haas, Farmer, Llewellyn and Sutherland will be replaced on the board by Paul Benning, Dr. Wayne Crockett, R. Brad Lawson and Mrs. Willa Mae Umphries.

Howard presented the retiring board members with "Certificates of Certification" on Monday evening, which light-heartedly declare them as official retired members of the VCPL board.

The next regular library board meeting will be July 15 at Fairbanks Library.

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Nassau Library Supervisor Studies Vigo Libraries

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By CAROL THORLTON

Tribune Staff Writer

Nellie Brennen, a native of the Bahamas, is visiting the Vigo County School Instructional Materials Center (IMC) to complete her internship in a special study program, under the direction of Mrs. Georgia Cole, coordinator of the IMC.

Miss Brennen, who supervises the libraries for the Nassau schools, is a participant in the American Library Association's multi-nations library project. She completed several months study at the University of Pittsburgh before coming to Terre Haute.

"The size and the number of schools in the Vigo County school system is very similar to the Nassau schools," Mrs. Cole said.

"Miss Brennen is learning how to operate the visual equipment, catalog and process materials, duplicate tapes and everything involved in running such a center," Mrs. Cole responded.

The Vigo County School Corporation Instructional Materials Center provides teachers with motion pictures, supplementary textbooks, professional books and journals and other materials which the system cannot afford for every school.

In addition, it is a depository for elementary school textbooks.

The staff at the IMC requisitions and catalogs library books and audio visual materials for all the schools, provides a collection of books for review and prepares tapes, transparencies and other audio visual materials for the schools.

They are also responsible for acquiring material for the county blind and partially sighted pupils.

Miss Brennen is particularly interested in the cataloging at the IMC for she expects to establish such a center when she returns to Nassau.



NELLIE BRENNEN

"We have a need for this type of library service back home," Miss Brennen said. "I think the IMC is just fantastic, it is exactly what we need in Nassau."

During her stay she will spend a day with the staff of the division of instructional media in the Indiana Department of Public Instruction at Indianapolis and will visit other school libraries in Marion County and Pendleton. She is also visiting Vigo County Public

Library, Indiana State University library and several school libraries.

Miss Brennen, nearing the end of her four weeks' stay, will also attend the conference of the American Library Association the first week in July at New York City.

After attending other conferences, she will return to her island home to put all of her new knowledge and skills into practice for the benefit of the Nassau people.

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Vigo Library Board Studies

Libraries (T.H.) VCPL

\$5,500 Budget For Films

The Vigo County Public Library Board of trustees, meeting without a quorum Monday evening, heard a request for advertisement of budget to spend \$5,500 recently granted the library by the Indiana Committee for the Humanities.

Only three board members attended the meeting. They were President Peter Farmer, Vice President Charlotte Caldwell and Secretary William Llewellyn. Absent were Paul Hass, John Valle, Dr. Iverson Bell and John Sutherland.

Mrs. Frances Boyd, VCPL head of public services, submitted the grant request to the program to preview and select 16 mm films which can make the greatest viewer impact in terms of the 1973 statewide theme which centers on the relationship between family life and government policies or agencies. The film selection will be made through evaluation and professional review techniques.

Mrs. Boyd explained librarians are well aware that use of films to spark discussion, change attitudes, examine is

sues or broaden the viewer's knowledge is effective only to the degree that the film itself is effective.

"Selection of a film for a specific use requires, however, that the person showing the film see this film, or several, before using it as an educational tool," she said. She pointed out information given in reviews and film catalogs do not give an adequate idea of what the film's impact will be on a given audience. "The only true test of an effective film is the preview followed by evaluation and discussion," she said.

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The film preview committee will include William Ashbrook, Indiana State University chairman of humanities, and Ann Newman, VCPL film librarian.

Other persons who will play a major role in previewing the films will be professors and students in the ISU Humanities Department, civic leaders in related areas, and directors of various family and government

The budget provides \$1,350 for personal services; \$950 for postage, printing and advertising; \$250 for rents, and \$2,460 for purchase of films. Mrs. Boyd said it is anticipated the VCPL will add a total of eight films to its collection under the program.

VCPL will contribute approximately \$7,000 in contributed services, but no actual cash outlay. Services provided by the local library will include the time of its personnel, transportation, projection equipment and maintenance, utilities and supplies.

Mrs. Boyd said films of the type covered in the project are usually shown as part of a continuing education or public discussion program conducted by civic groups, agencies, churches and other organizations. More than 350,000 persons viewed VCPL films in 1972, she noted.

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"The project is based on the idea that effective films for the Indiana Humanities program must be selected by persons with expertise in film preview and evaluation and that they must be previewed and evaluated by humanists who, having seen numbers of such films, are sensitive to the differences in quality, use and impact of those films," Mrs. Boyd said.

The local project has been named SIFT (Selection In Film Thought).

In his regular report, VCPL Director Edward N. Howard told the trustees a group of 10 librarians from the Monroe County Public Library at Bloomington spent a day at VCPL recently to study various innovative procedures, policies and processes that have been established here.

Howard said areas of special interest for the group included group services, fine arts, reference, publicity and publications.

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The board heard also a report from Howard on the mid-winter conference of the American Library Association Jan. 29 to Feb. 2 at Washington, D.C.

Howard said the conference was well-attended and he was pleased to see "a unity of purpose that had been missing in ALA during the last few years."

"A major concern was the cutback, if not complete elimination, of funding for Federal projects, especially the ongoing programs in the areas of education and social problems," Howard said. He added that one of the open meetings dealt specifically with the problem.

Howard said an unexpected speaker at the conference was consumer advocate Ralph Nader who told the librarians they are "patsies" for putting up with advertisements detrimental to librarians by American Motors Corp. and others. Howard said Nader went on to make recommendations he felt would strengthen attempts by the library profession to persuade funding authorities to provide more adequately for libraries.

A major recommendation Nader made, according to Howard, was that in conferences and programs librarians should make a dedicated effort to get as speakers legislators who are antagonistic or indifferent to the library profession.

The next library board meeting will be at 8 p.m. Monday, March 19, at Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library.

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RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE FOR PLANNING A LIBRARY BUILDING IN INDIANA

Architect

- Draw preliminary plans for building
- Give estimate of costs for construction
- Recommend land area for site

Library Board

- Secure options to purchase land area required or estimate cost of securing same
- Determine costs of complete project (land, building, furniture and equipment) for bond issue

Property Owners

- Circulate petitions for bond issue

Library Board

- Accept bond petitions
- Have County Auditor verify signatures on petitions
- Pass a Bond Resolution
- Publish Legal Notices of Bond Issue
- Conduct a Public Hearing on Bond Issue
- Submit to local tax board for approval

State Tax Commission

- Conduct a Public Hearing on Bond Issue

Library Board

- Advertise for Bids on Bond Issue
- Let Bid on Bonds to Lowest Bidder
- Print and Sign Bonds
- Authorize architects to complete plans and specifications
- Secure wage rates for specifications
- Approve plans and specifications
- Have building plans and specifications approved by:
 - County Regional Planning Commission
 - State Board of Accounts
 - State Administrative Building Council
 - State Fire Marshall
 - State Department of Health
 - City Planning Department
 - City Building Commission
 - City Fire Department (Bureau of Fire Prevention)
 - City Police Department
 - City Health Commissioner
- Advertise for Construction Bids
- Let Construction Bids

EVALUATION OF THE BUILDING PROGRAM STATEMENT

of the Vigo County Public Library

The Building Program Statement presents a well detailed study that reflects much thought and effort on the part of many people. It is based on the present population of the library's service area and assumes that the population will not change to any great extent in the foreseeable future.

Library buildings are usually planned to serve their communities for twenty years without the need of additional space. Frankly, I am fearful of assuming that the population of the Vigo County Public Library will remain stable for twenty years and would recommend research be made to justify or refute that assumption before the size of the proposed building is finalized.

We start this study by applying an accepted library formula to determine minimum space requirements for library services in a main library building. (Public meeting rooms, if desired, are planned in addition to the minimum space requirements.)

This is the V S C formula that determines the space needed to house books and related materials (V), to seat patrons (S), and to accommodate the library's operations based on the number of books to be circulated (C).

Standards for public libraries in the 100,000 to 200,000 population range call for: Vigo County 115,000 Population

2 Volumes per capita 230,000 Volumes

2 Seats per 1,000 population 230 Seats

8 Circulations per capita 920,000 Circulation

These in turn are converted to square foot requirements on the basis of:

- 1 square foot for each 10 volumes
- 40 square feet for each patron seat
- 1 square foot for each 40 volumes circulated

and results in the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Volumes}}{10} + \frac{\text{Seats} \times 40}{40} + \frac{\text{Circulation}}{40} = \text{Combined Area}$$

For Vigo County Public Library it would be figured as:

$$\frac{2 \text{ Population}}{10} + \frac{2 \text{ Population} \times 40}{1,000} + \frac{8 \text{ Population}}{40} = \text{C.A.}$$

$$\frac{230,000}{10} + \frac{9,200,000}{1,000} + \frac{920,000}{40} = \text{C.A.}$$

$$23,000 + 9,200 + 23,000 = 55,200 \text{ Square feet}$$

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| Public Meeting Room Complex | 2,600 | " | " |
| (Building Program Figure) | <hr/> | | |

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| Total | 57,800 | Square feet |
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Again we emphasize that these are minimum requirements and should be supplemented to accommodate special requirements of the library service specialties.

A comparison with the Building Program Statement space requirements shows a close relationship; 54,735 square feet to 57,800 square feet.

It is recommended that the library space be allocated on roughly the following basis:

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| Lobby Activities | 10% | 5,520 | Square feet |
| Adult Activities | 32% | 17,664 | " " |
| Young People's Activities | 22% | 12,144 | " " |
| General Stacks | 14% | 7,728 | " " |
| Offices & Work Rooms | 12% | 6,624 | " " |
| Non Assignable | 10% | 5,520 | " " |
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| TOTAL | 100% | 55,200 | Square feet |

A breakdown of the Building Program Statement allocations results in:

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|---------------------------|-------|--------|-------------|
| Lobby Activities | 5.6% | 2,905 | Square feet |
| Adult Activities | 32.9% | 17,145 | " " |
| Young People's Activities | 6.9% | 3,620 | " " |
| General Stacks | 7.6% | 3,940 | " " |
| Offices & Work Rooms | 22.9% | 11,925 | " " |
| Non Assignable | 24.1% | 12,600 | " " |
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| TOTAL | 100 % | 52,135 | Square feet |

Study should be made of these great differences for they may be justified by local conditions and/or special services that have been developed in the Vigo County Public Library. Four areas especially call for attention:

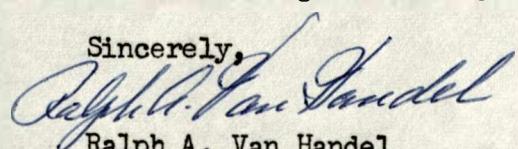
1. The relatively small area allocated to Young People's Activities (also the small staff for this service.)

2. The large area assignment for offices and work rooms.
3. The apparently excessive dedication to mechanical and related functions.
4. The lack of adequate storage facilities to house library materials such as books, records, etc. A breakdown of shelving listed in the public service space requirements would provide for 177,120 volumes, well below the number in the present library's collection.

We would like to raise other points for consideration, most likely they already have been debated and decisions made but, if not, they might merit thought.

1. The need of two separate parking lots with the related increase in construction costs and maintenance.
Also question the need for a total of 200 parking spaces.
2. Consider the merits of a book charging system that would not require circulation and registration files.
3. Would the Public Meeting Room Complex be used enough in off-library hours to warrant a separate heating, cooling, ventilating system, one that could also be turned off when the facilities are not used?
4. Are winter weather conditions severe enough in Terre Haute to require melting equipment at entrances?

Other questions and suggestions dealing with less vital points will be discussed with the Library Director and the Coordinating Committee.

Sincerely,

Ralph A. Van Handel
Library Consultant

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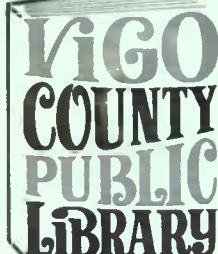
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Community Affairs File

VCPL

1973

FACTS
REFERENCE
DO NOT CIRCULATE



VCPL Is the Community Information Center

In-depth information on community affairs is provided through printed material, tapes and films of discussions and documentaries by local radio and television stations, and other locally recorded programs and interviews.

VCPL Has Served for 93 Years

The Terre Haute Library Association, organized in 1880, established a public library purchased in 1882 by the School Trustees. It became the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library in 1906, then in 1961 expanded to include all of Vigo County.

VCPL Is a Resource for the Wabash Valley

As a member of the Indiana Teletype network and the computer-based Indiana Information Retrieval System (INDIRS), VCPL serves the six-county Wabash Valley trading area. It also participates in the Open-Door for reciprocal borrowing among registered users of public libraries at Brazil, Clinton, Sullivan County, Vincennes and Worthington, and Marshall and Paris, Ill.

VCPL Is Building for the Future

The four-acre Wiley property at 215 S. 7th is the site for a new main library building now being planned.

SELF SERVICES...search out facts, new and old ideas...browse through books, pamphlets, clippings...use the photocopier...read magazines, newspapers.

LENDING SERVICES...citizens of Vigo County borrowed 561,453 items last year...no fines are charged on materials inadvertently retained beyond the due date.

REFERENCE SERVICES...librarians can answer almost any question, find nearly any kind of information...the latest on local community affairs as recorded in news clips, minutes of public boards, newsletters of organizations, taped interviews, slides, films...over 75,000 questions were answered for the public in 1972.

AUDIOVISUAL SERVICES...motion picture film loans totaled 8,372 last year (557 projectors), and were seen by 350,833 persons...other A-V forms of information include cassette tapes and recorders, 8mm films and projectors, 35mm slides, art prints, and videotape recording equipment.

GROUP SERVICES...staffed by a professional planner for program assistance to any group or organization...maintains community resource data on speakers, meeting rooms, tours...provides information for family life education, drug abuse and other public programs.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES...cooperates with Volunteer Tutors, Foster Grandparents and other youth-serving agencies...provides study guidance and consultations with teachers and parents...story telling and other programs for the younger set.

EXTENSION SERVICES...operates Mediamobile serving low-income citizens in neighborhood centers and outlying rural communities...maintains collections of informational materials at Dreiser Square, Vigo County Juvenile Center, City-County Jail, and many other locations.

LIBRARY BUDGET:

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|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Salaries & other compensation | \$476,933 |
| Contracted services & charges | 46,064 |
| Supplies | 22,329 |
| Insurance, rents, retirement | 71,041 |
| *LIRF (building fund) | 120,000 |
| Furnishings & equipment | 11,900 |
| Informational materials | 100,907 |
| | <u>\$840,174</u> |

*LIRF balance end 1972 \$278,397

Assessed valuation \$206,574,710

Library tax rate \$0.37

Population served 114,528

INFORMATION RESOURCES:

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|------------------------------|---------|
| Art prints | 171 |
| Audiotapes | 194 |
| Books--print & microform | 224,911 |
| Filmstrips | 34 |
| Games | 88 |
| Magazines--print & microform | 125,682 |
| Maps | 252 |
| Motion picture 8mm films | 322 |
| Motion picture 16,, films | 437 |
| Multimedia kits | 29 |
| Newspapers--print & micro. | 103,701 |
| Nonbook printed items | 155,990 |
| Phonorecords | 3,792 |
| Slides | 4,542 |
| Videotapes | 12 |
| Viewmaster reels | 277 |

EQUIPMENT RESOURCES:

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|-------------------------------|----|
| Audiotape player/recorder | 22 |
| Filmstrip projector | 2 |
| Motion picture 8mm projector | 9 |
| Motion picture 16mm projector | 12 |
| Opaque projector | 1 |
| Phonorecord player | 7 |
| Projection screen | 14 |
| Public address system | 1 |
| Slide projector | 9 |
| Slide viewer | 8 |
| Slide-sound system | 2 |
| Speech Timer | 1 |
| Videotape player/recorder | 2 |
| Viewmaster | 30 |

LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS:

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| New Materials Added to VCPL |
| Staff Bulletin |
| Fact Sheet |
| Program Resource Handbook |
| Film Catalog |
| Directory of Voluntary Associations |
| Combined Church Materials List |
| Large Print Books |
| Where to Volunteer in Vigo County |
| Planning a Program? |
| Community Services for Senior Citizens |
| How to Borrow Films and Projectors |
| What to See in Terre Haute and Vigo Co. |
| Art Prints |
| Mediamobile Schedule |

VIGO COUNTY LIBRARY

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| Emeline Fairbanks Memorial----- | 232-5041 |
| Plaza North Branch----- | 466-3638 |
| Meadows Branch----- | 232-6738 |
| Southland Branch----- | 232-8460 |
| West Terre Haute Branch----- | 533-2480 |
| Mediamobile----- | 232-5041 |